

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST™



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Recently, I realized that the characters I've been so casually drawing on the spine of the cover only consist of the ones that made it to the final arc of the story.

—Hiromu Arakawa, 2009



Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga *Stray Dog*. Her series *Fullmetal Alchemist* debuted in 2001 in Square Enix's monthly manga anthology *Shonen Gangan*.



FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST



金の錬金術師
FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

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H I R O M U
A R A K A W A

荒川弘

CHARACTERS

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST



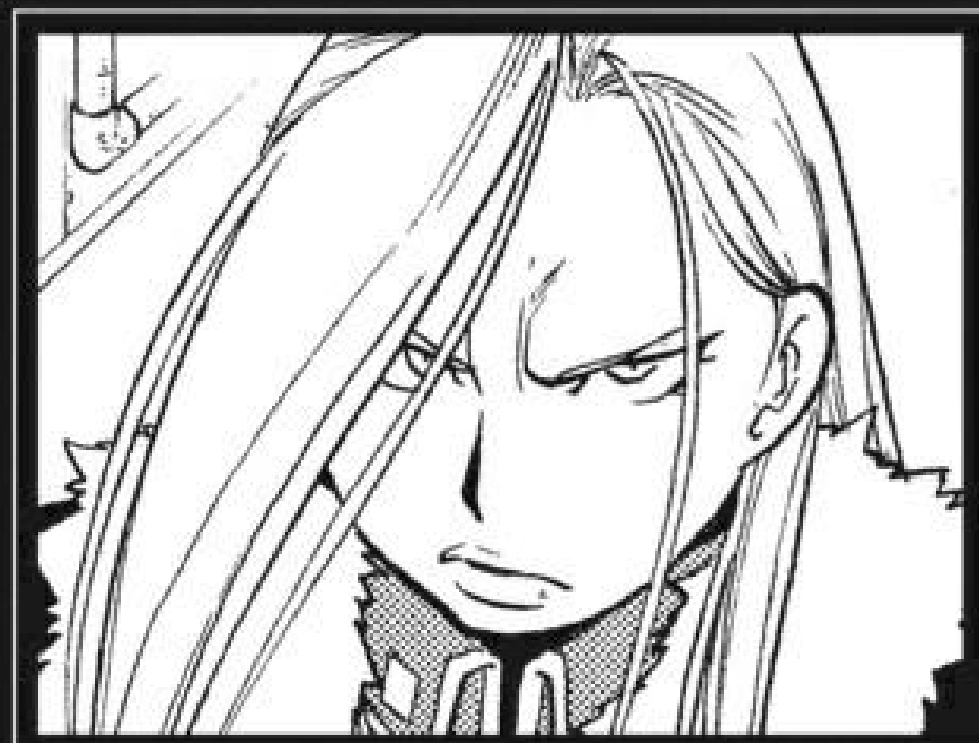
□ ウィンリィ・ロックベル

Winry Rockbell



□ スカー

Scar



□ オリヴィエ・ミラ・アームストロング

Olivier Mira Armstrong



□ キング・ブラッドレイ

King Bradley



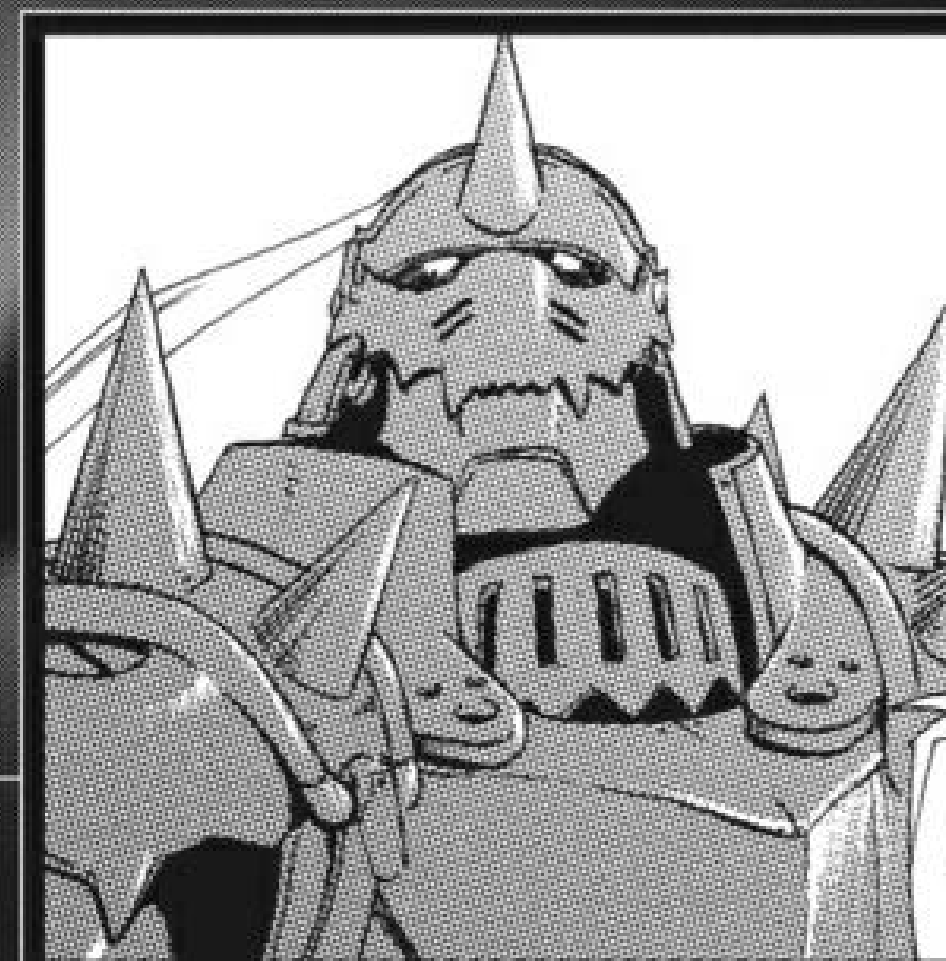
□ ヴァン・ホーエンハイム

Van Hohenheim



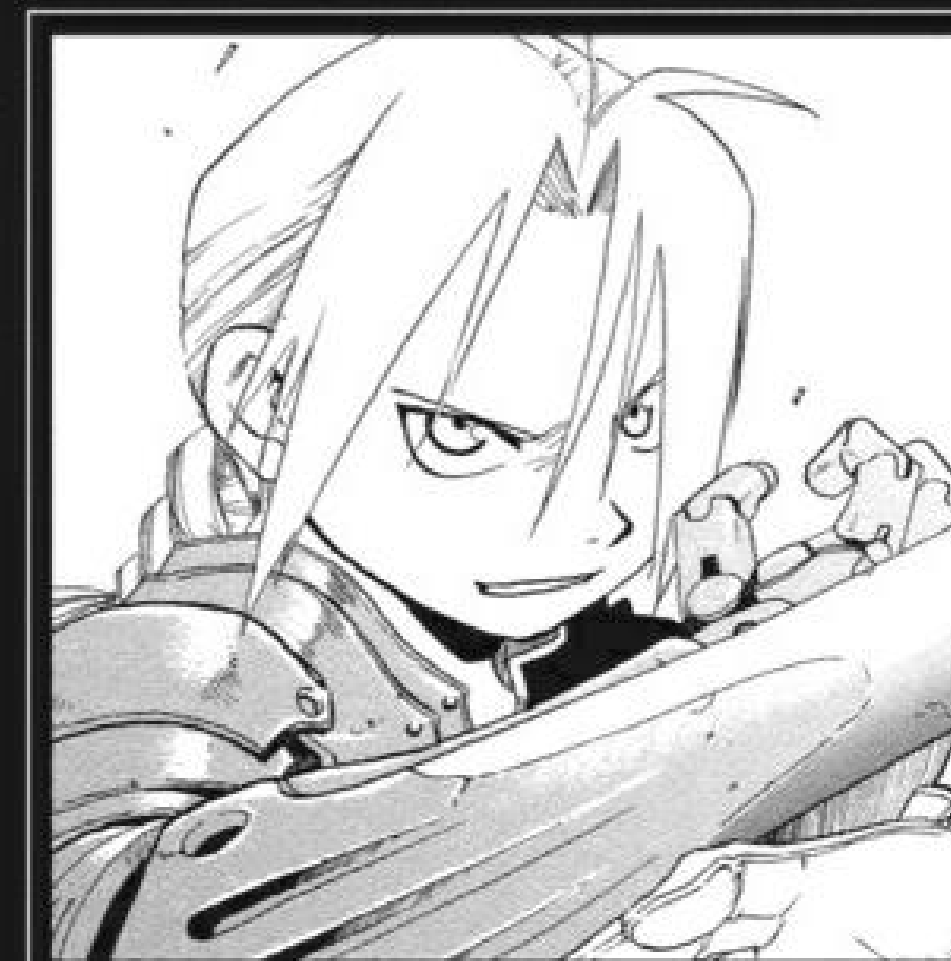
□ リン・ヤオ (グリード)

Lin Yao (Greed)



□ アルフォンス・エルリック

Alphonse Elric



□ エドワード・エルリック

Edward Elric



□ アレックス・ルイ・アームストロング

Alex Louis Armstrong



□ ロイ・マスタング

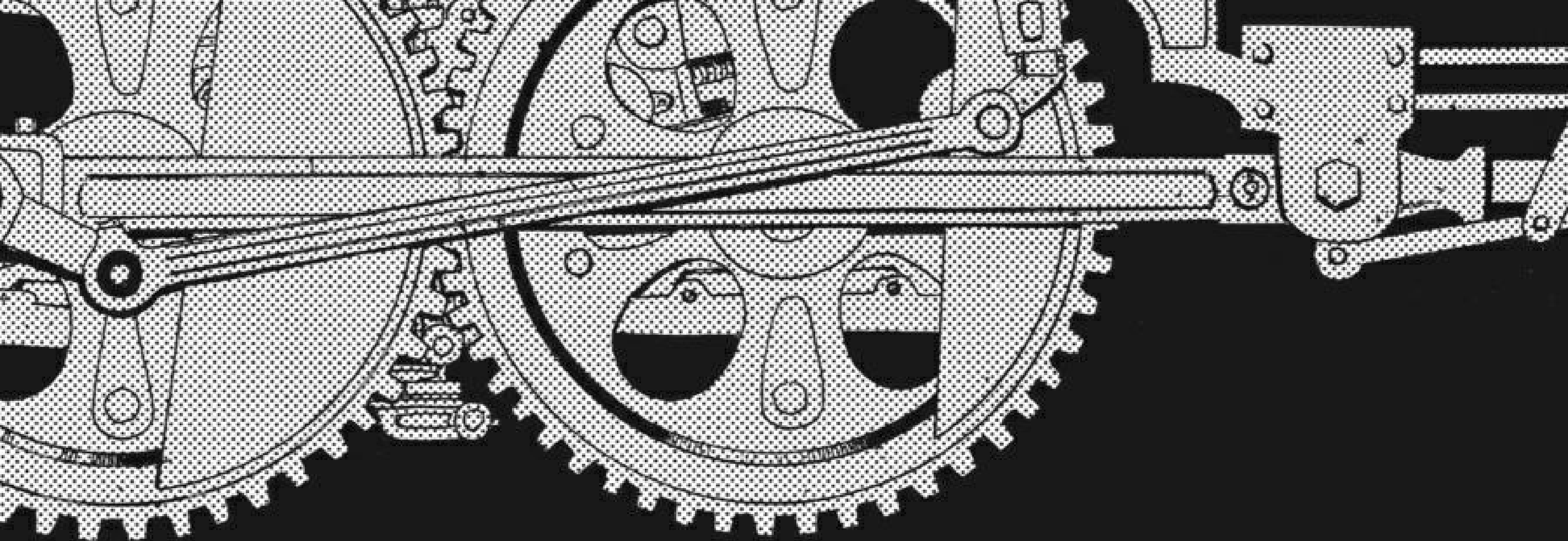
Roy Mustang

OUTLINE

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

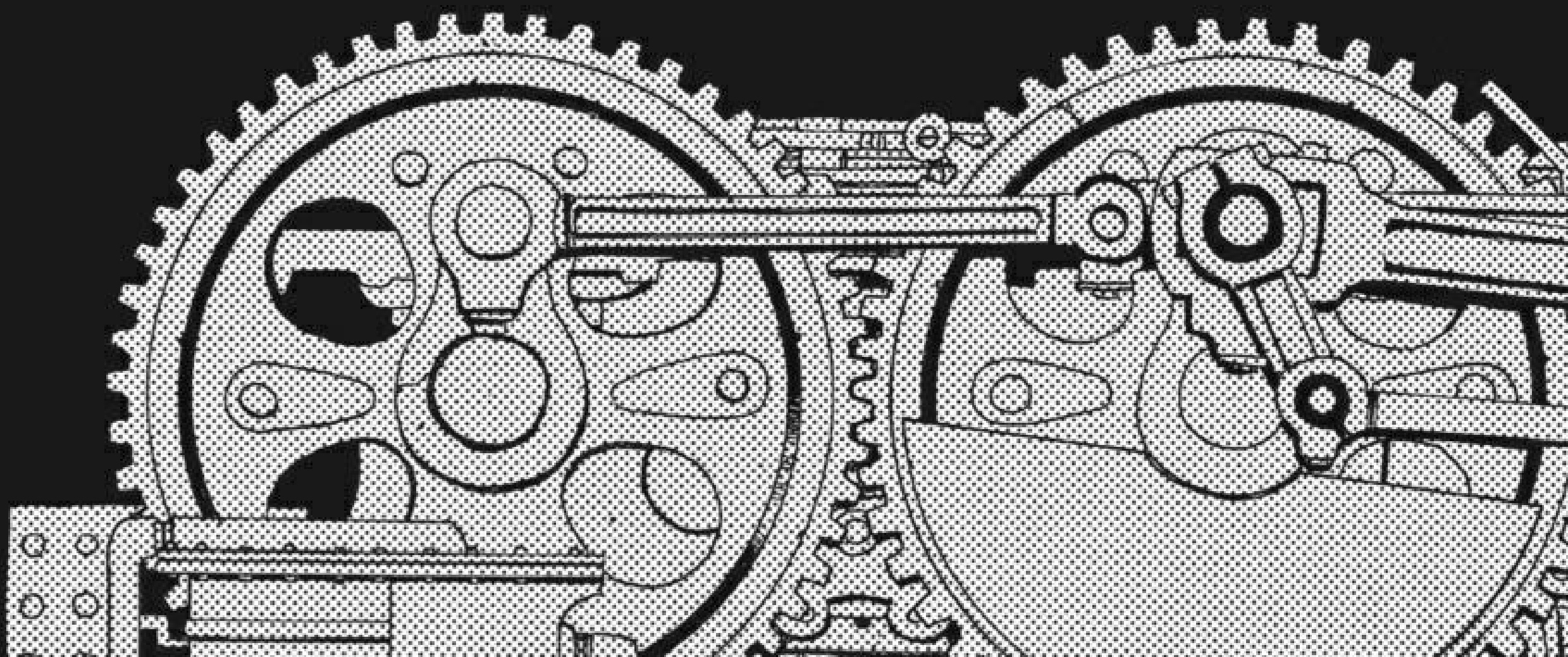
Using a forbidden alchemical ritual, the Elric brothers attempted to bring their dead mother back to life. But the ritual went wrong, consuming Edward Elric's leg and Alphonse Elric's entire body. At the cost of his arm, Edward was able to graft his brother's soul into a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" to replace his missing limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist in hopes of finding a way to restore their bodies. Their search embroils them in a deadly conspiracy that threatens to take the innocence, if not the lives, of everyone involved.

As the "Day of Reckoning" approaches, an intricate chess game has emerged in Amestris. On one side stand the Elrics, Mustang's crew, Olivier Armstrong and a ragtag bunch of chimeras; on the other, Military Command, Kimblee, the Homunculi and their mysterious "Father." As our scattered heroes converge upon Central City, a dormant enemy steps up to stop them. To casual observers, Selim Bradley, the president's son, is the face of innocence. But behind that facade, he is the deadliest of the Homunculi—Pride—an amorphous mass of teeth and destruction.



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MY PRINCE...



KLUNK

KLATTA

THUMP



I'M
GREED.

SORRY,
HONEY.



WHA...

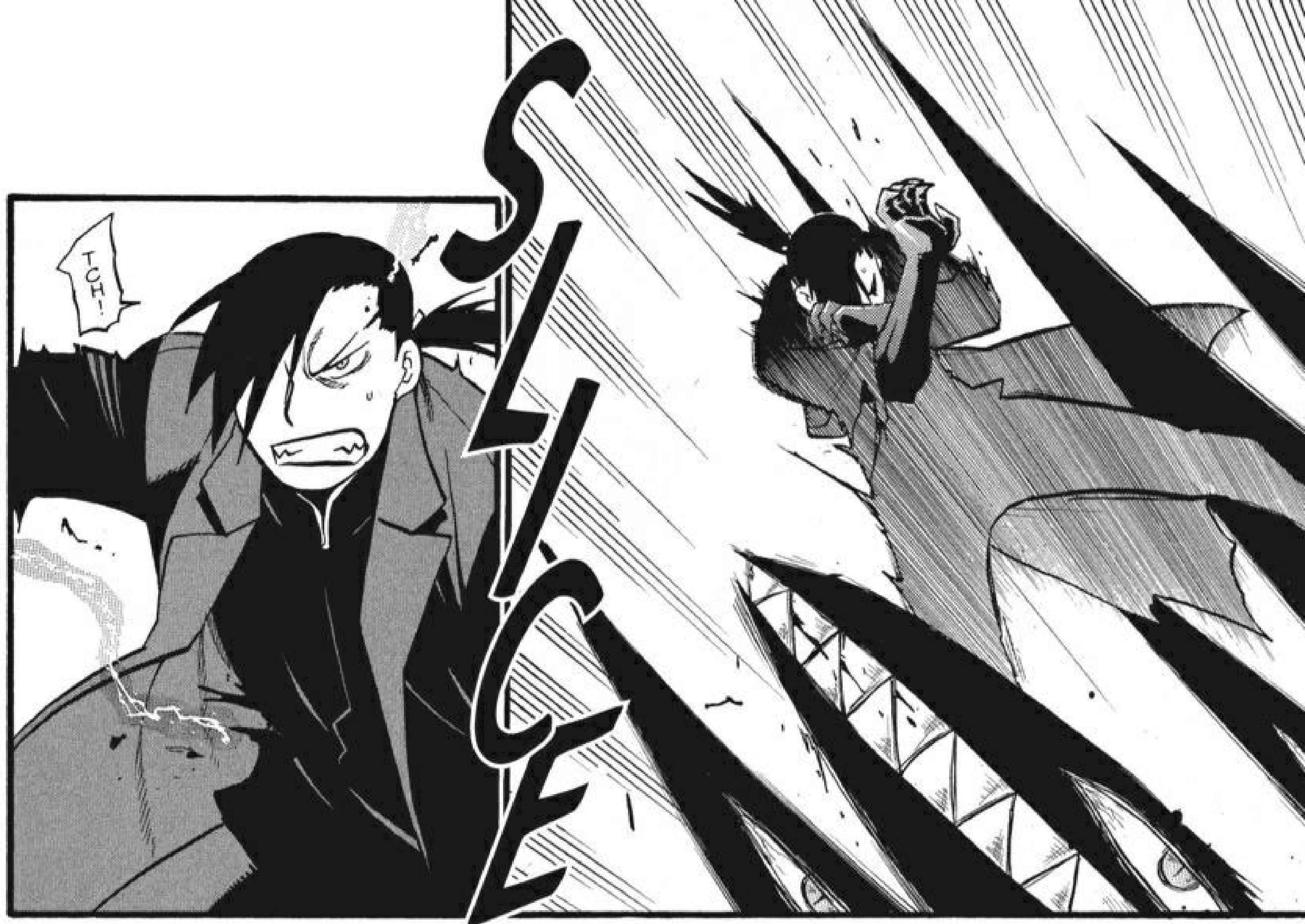
IN-
COMING.



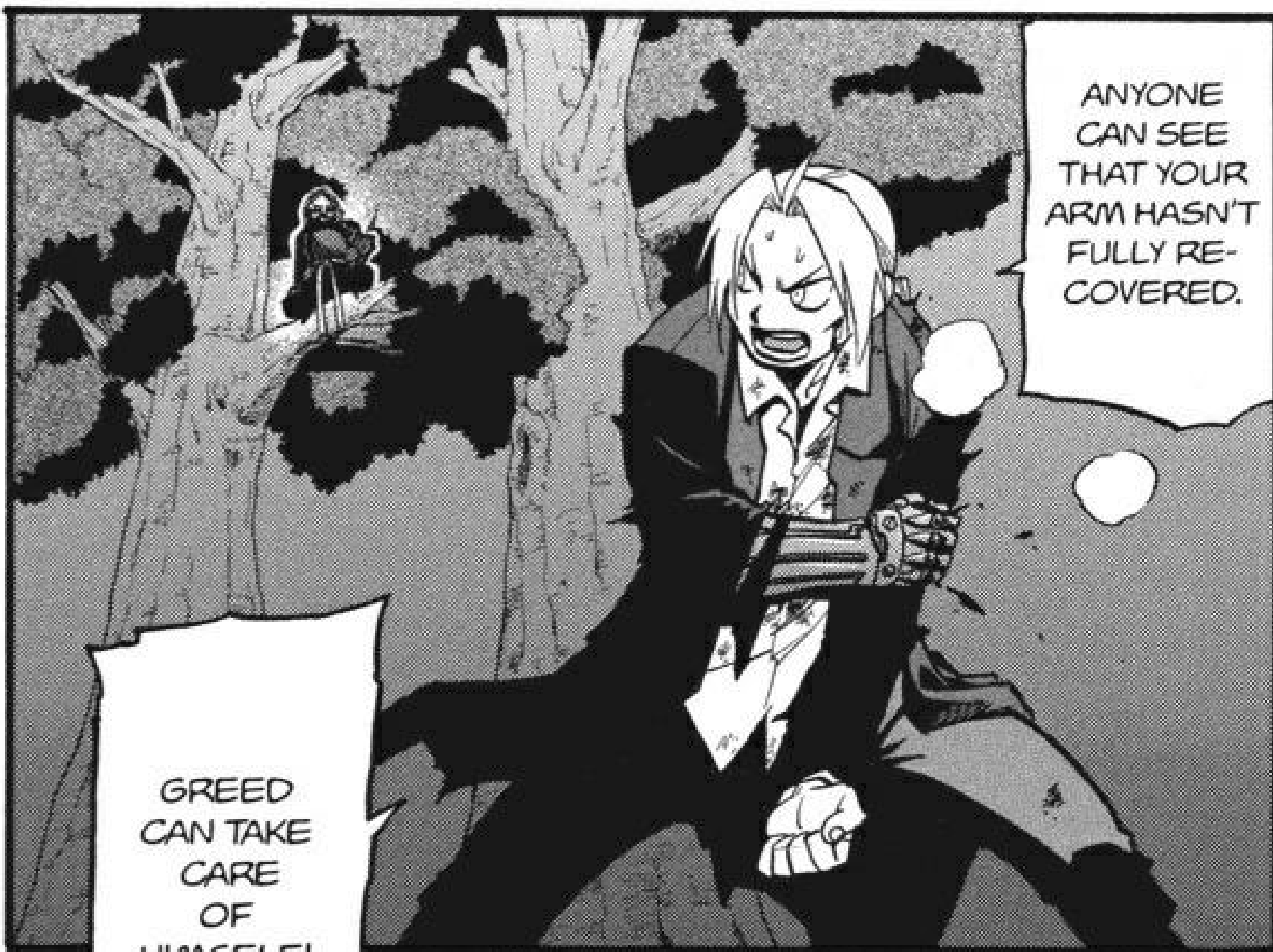
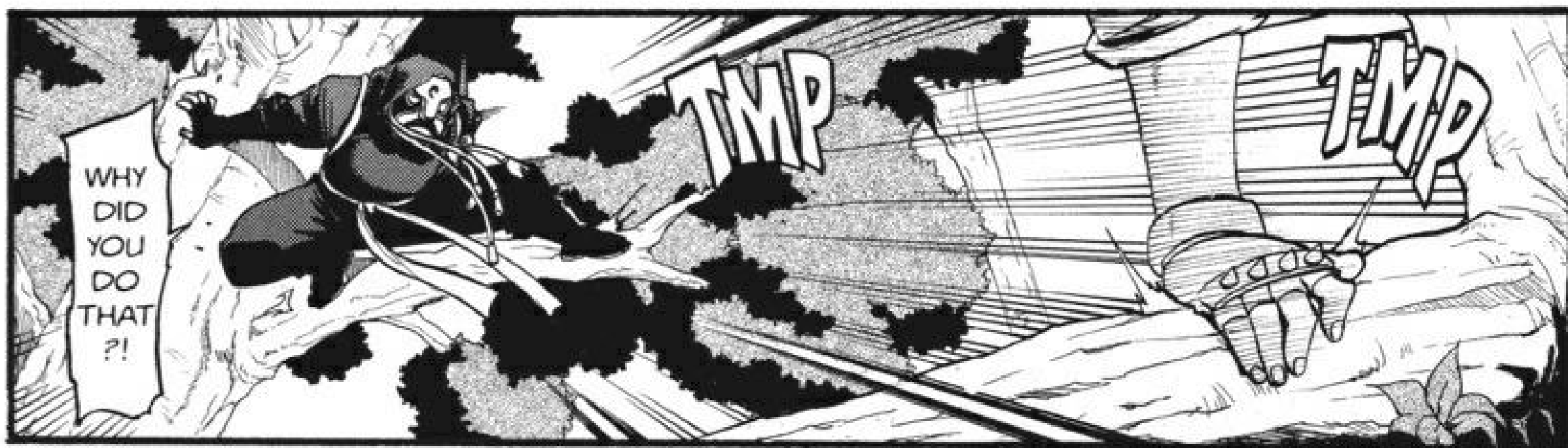
THAT'S
ONE
THING
I CAN'T
DO.

FOUL
USURPER!
GIVE MY
PRINCE
HIS BODY
BACK!!



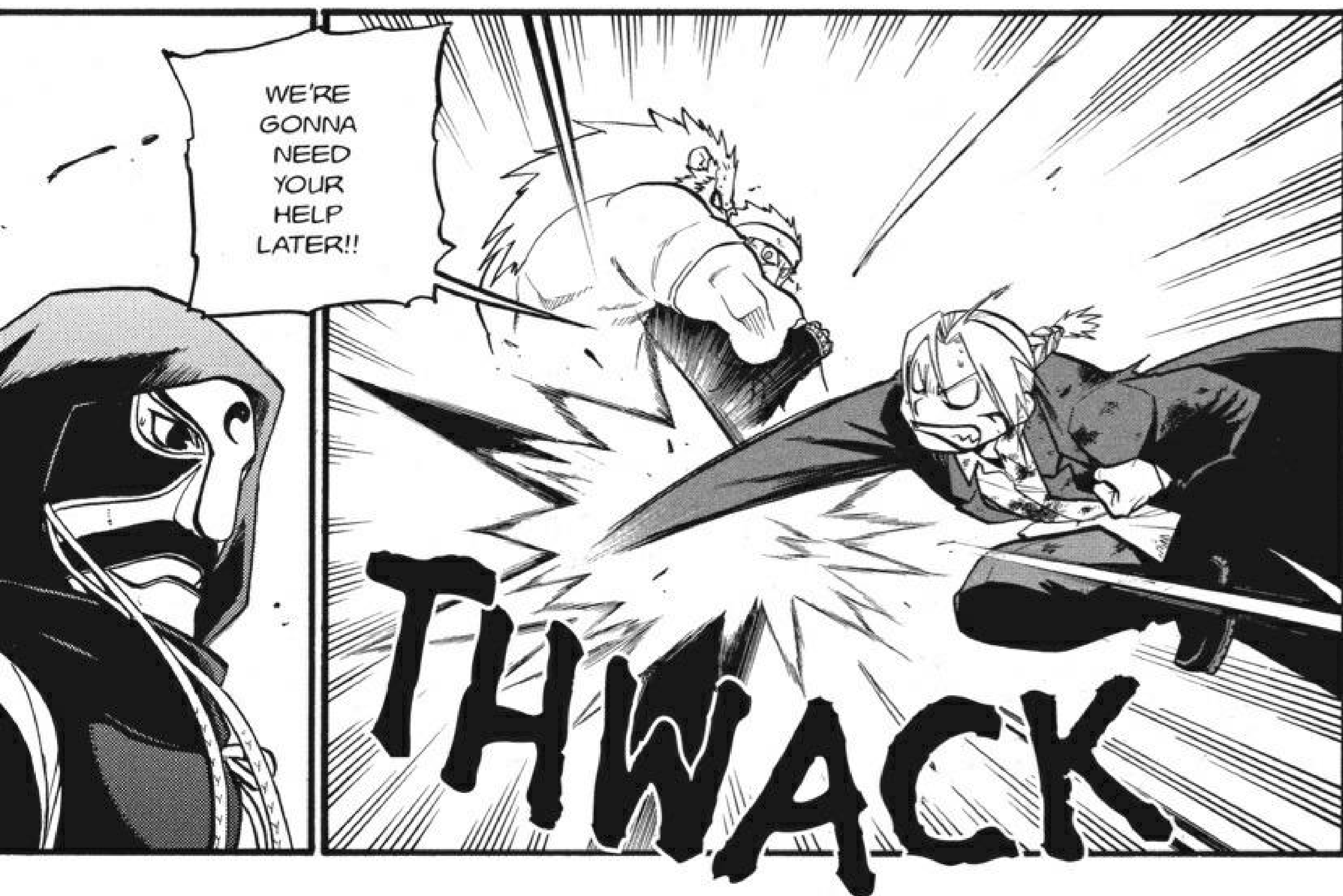








WHATEVER.
JUST DON'T
GO THROWING
YOUR LIFE
AWAY FOR
NOTHING.



WE'RE
GONNA
NEED
YOUR
HELP
LATER!!

THWACK



YEAH,
I'LL
MAN-
AGE.

YOU
ALL
RIGHT,
HEINKEL
?

LION
GUY!



EVEN
TO ME,
THAT
THING
IS A
MONSTER.



SORRY.
I
COULDN'T
FINISH
HIM
OFF.

DON'T
WORRY
YOU
JUST
REST
UP.



I CAN'T
BLAME
YOU FOR
NOT
BEING
ABLE
TO KILL
IT.



Chapter 88

The Understanding Between Father and Son



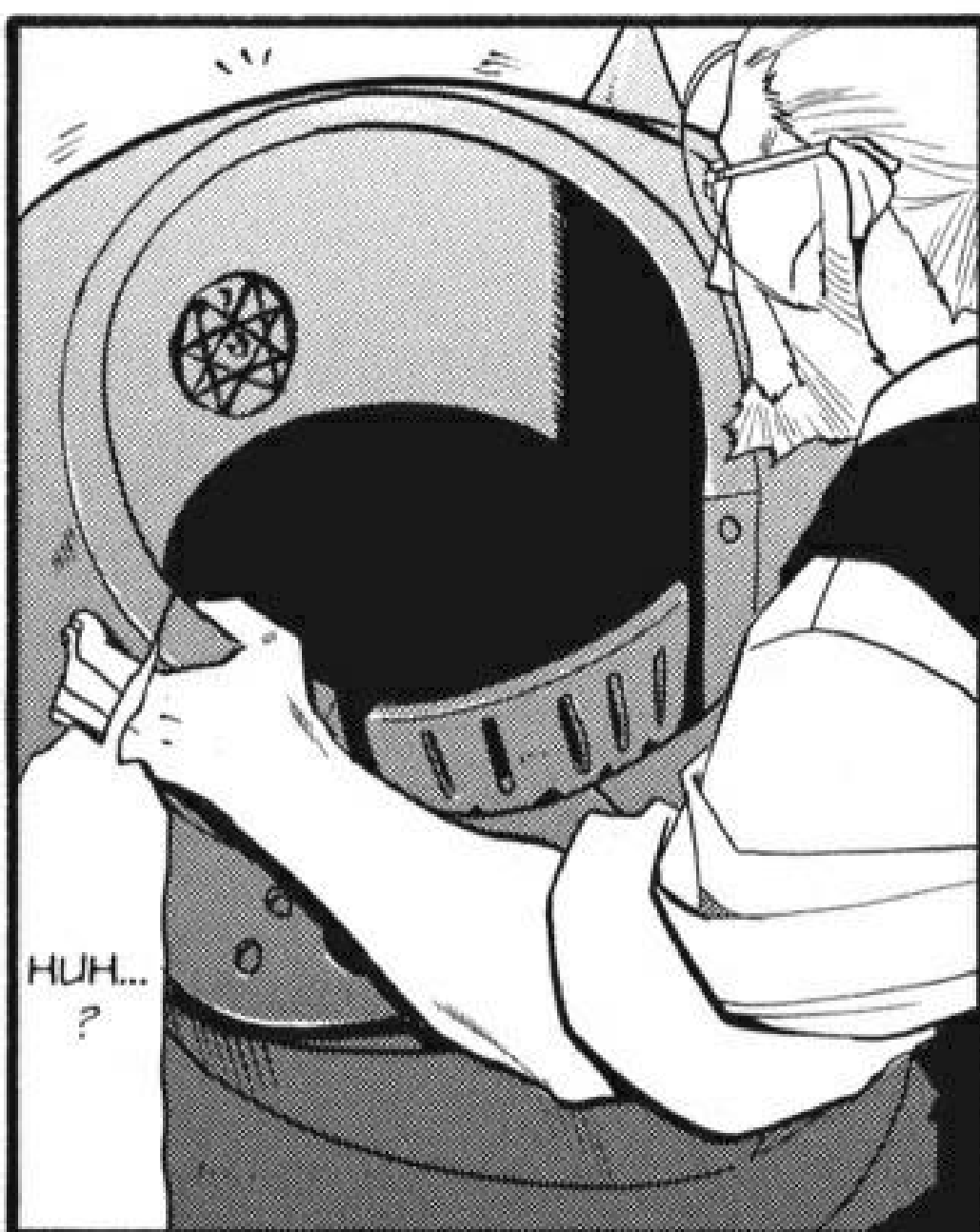
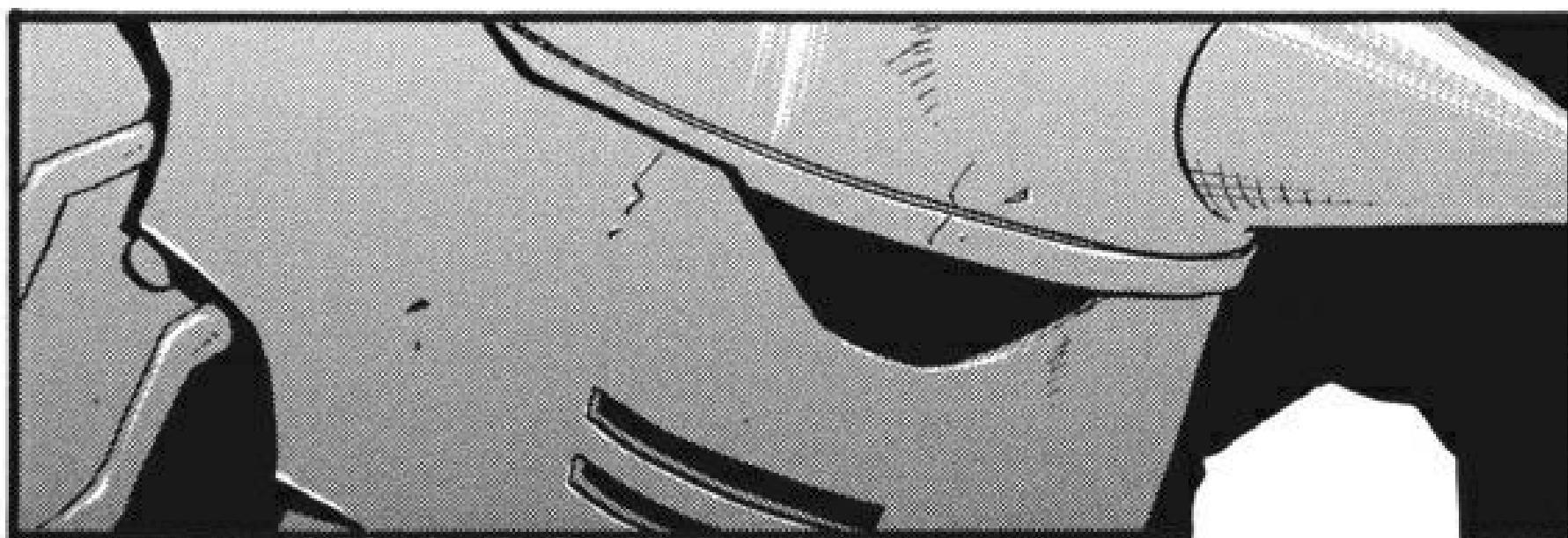
IF YOU
EAT ME,
YOU'LL
MESS UP
YOUR
STOMACH...

...BIG
BROTHER!



WHAT A RUDE
THING TO SAY
ABOUT YOUR
OWN SIBLING,
GREED.

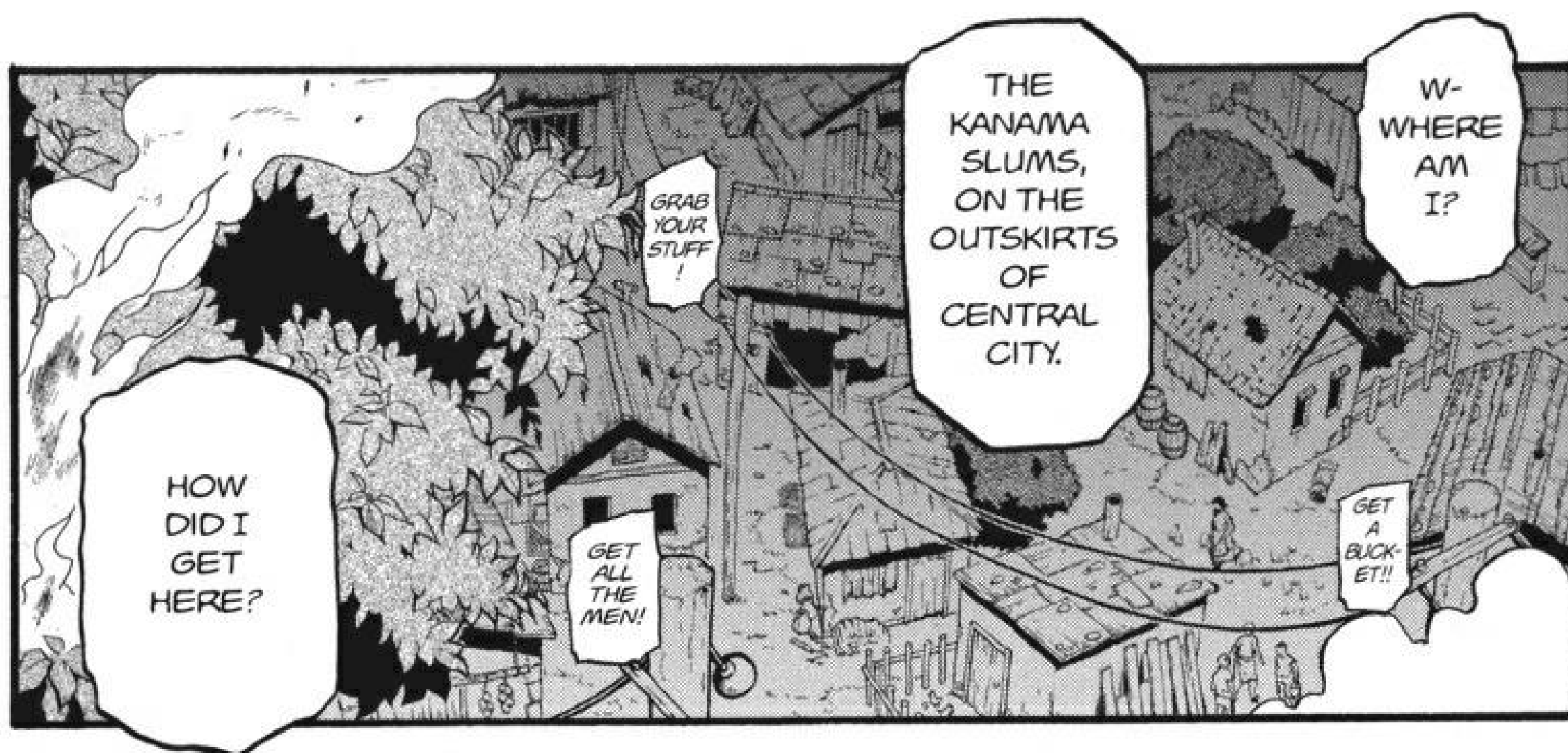
I
JUST
MIGHT
HAVE
TO
EAT
YOU!



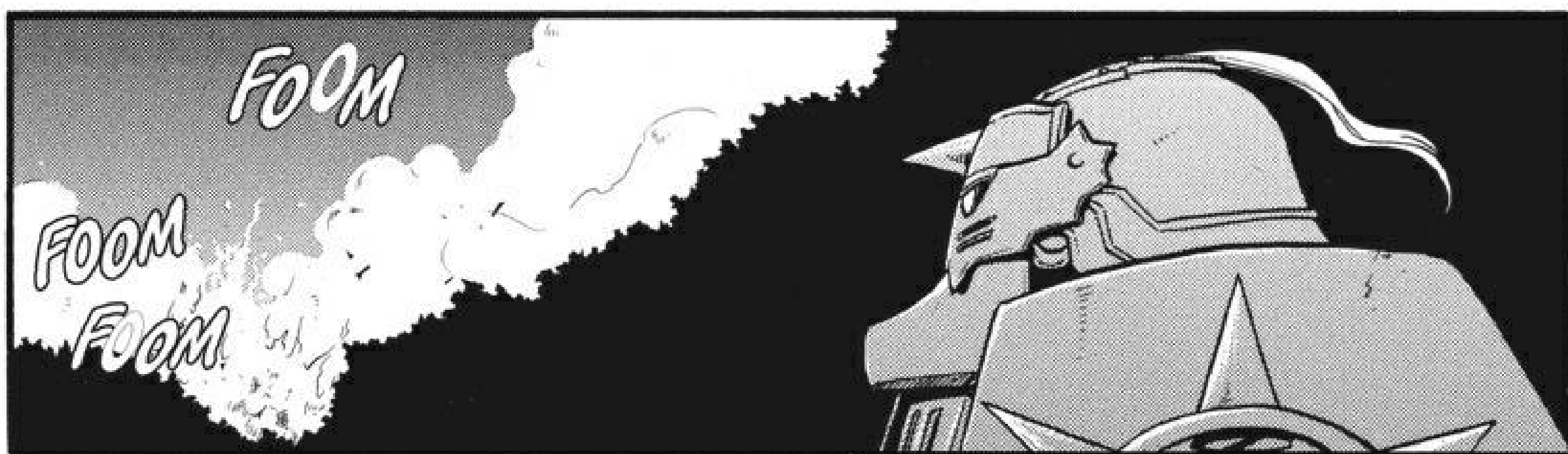
AL...

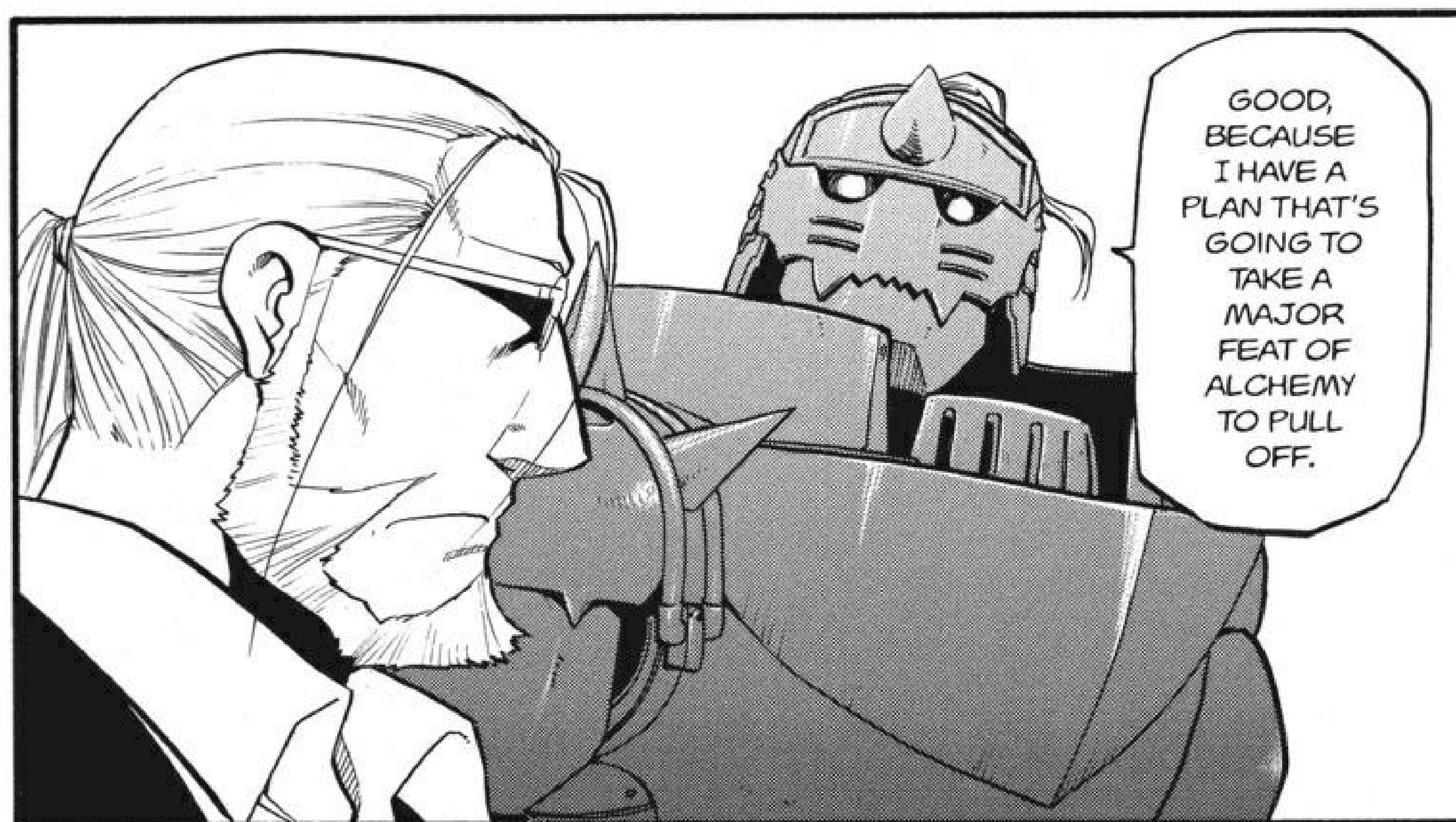
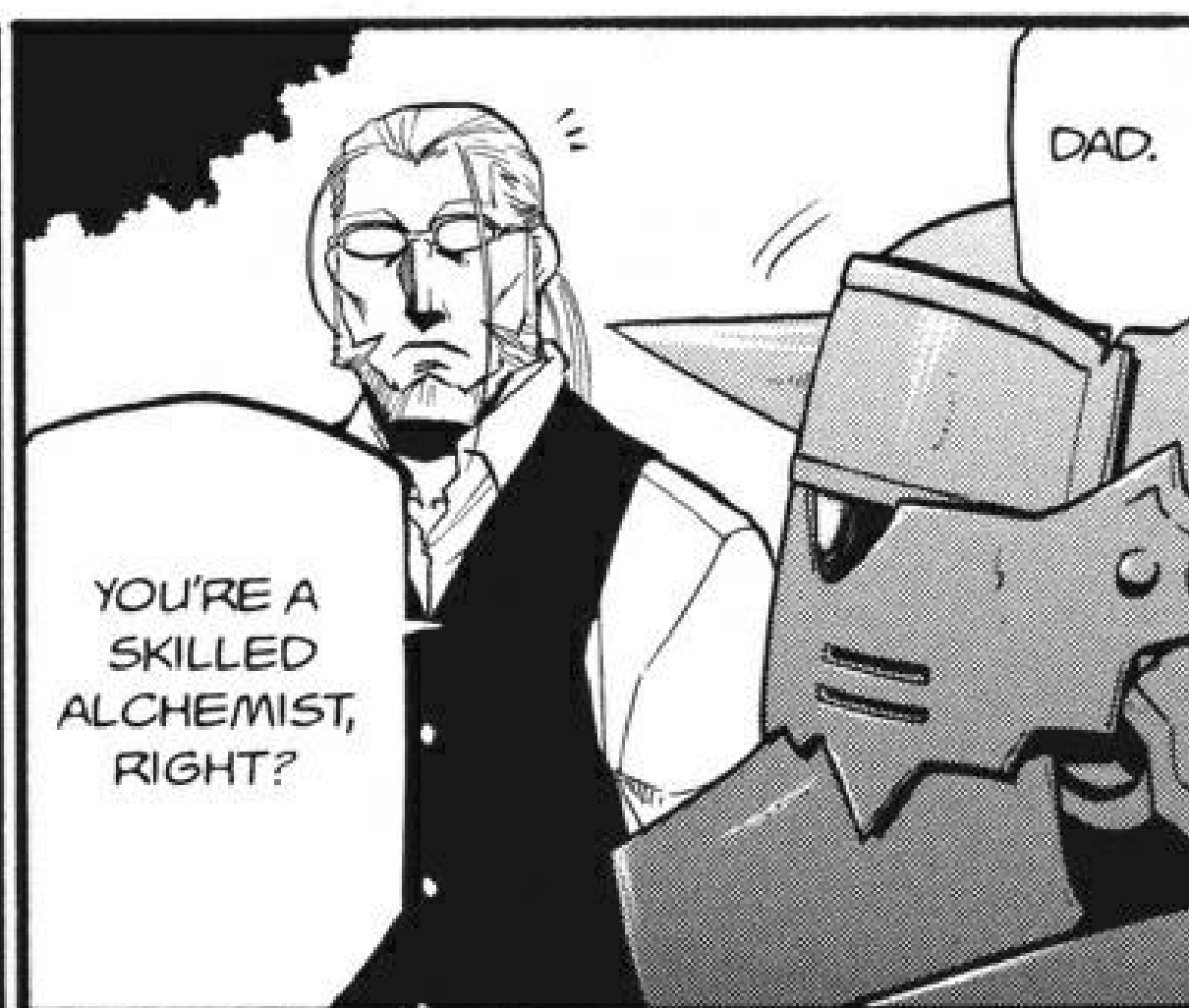
AL!

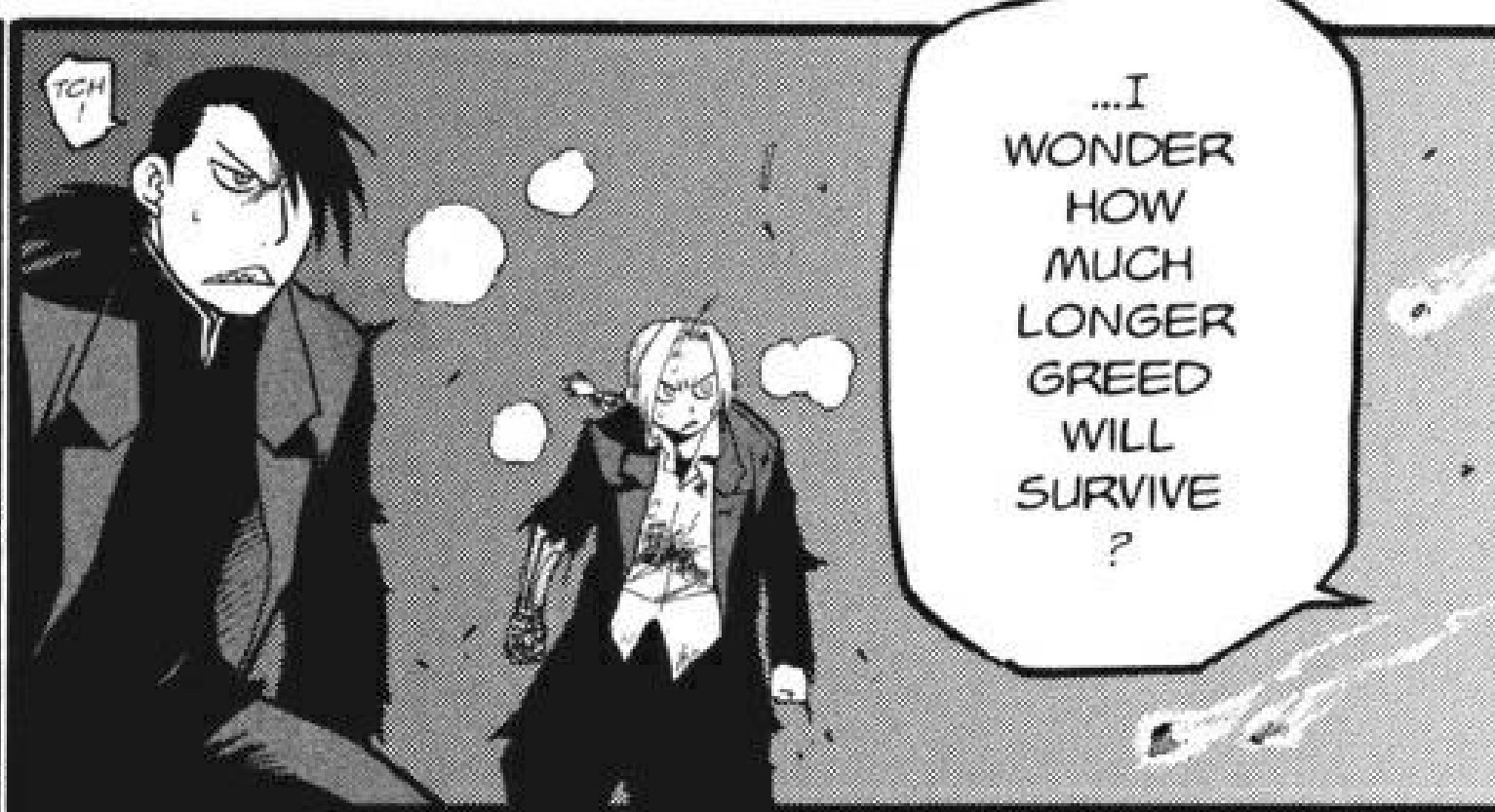
HEY!













THE
HERO
ALWAYS
ARRIVES
FASHION-
ABLY
LATE.

YUP.



SNAP



NOT
AT ALL!
THAT'S
IMPOS-
SIBLE.

HA HA HA!

IF YOU'RE
THE "HERO,"
DOES THAT
MEAN YOU
PLAN ON
DEFEATING
ME?



HOHEN-
HEIM!

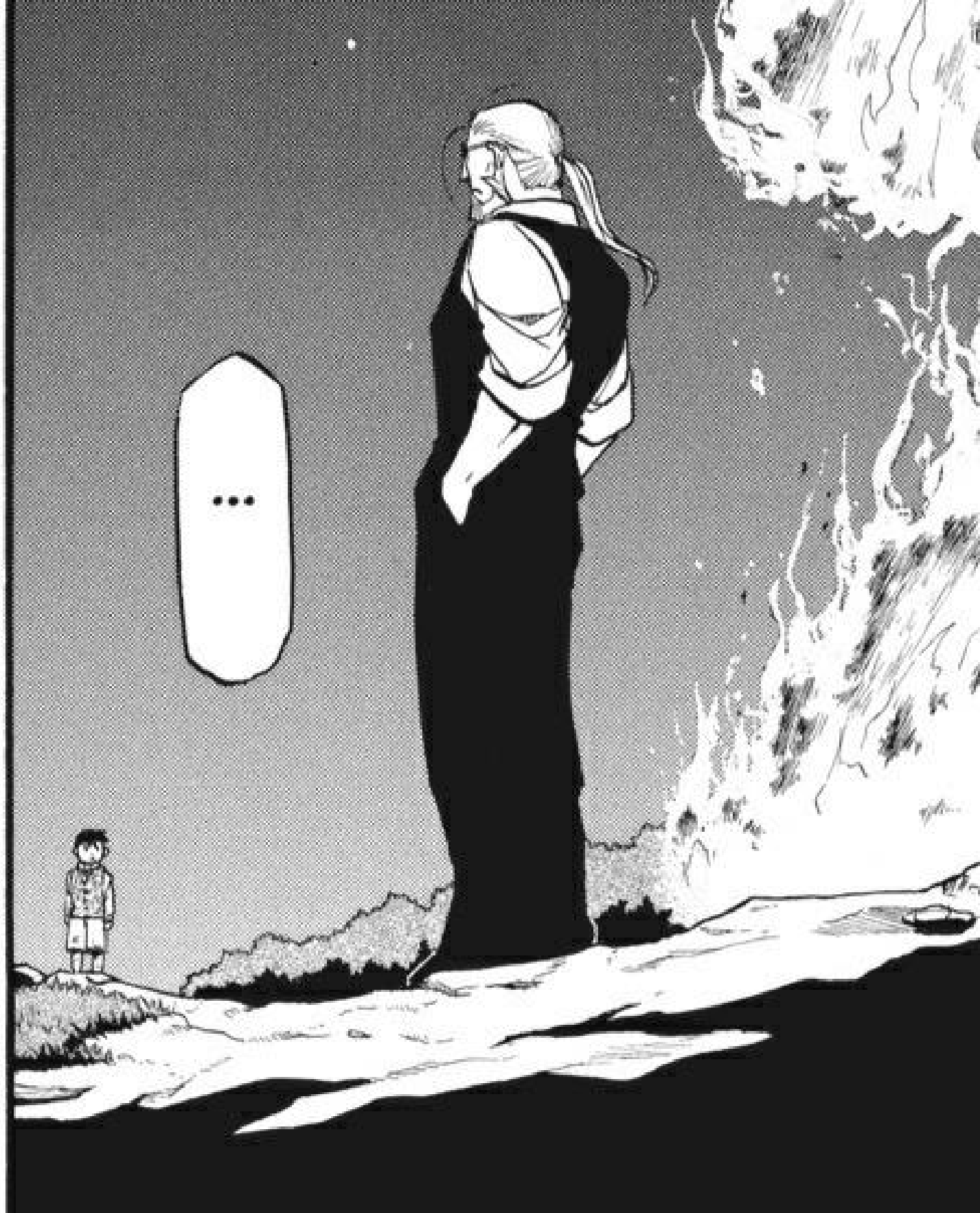
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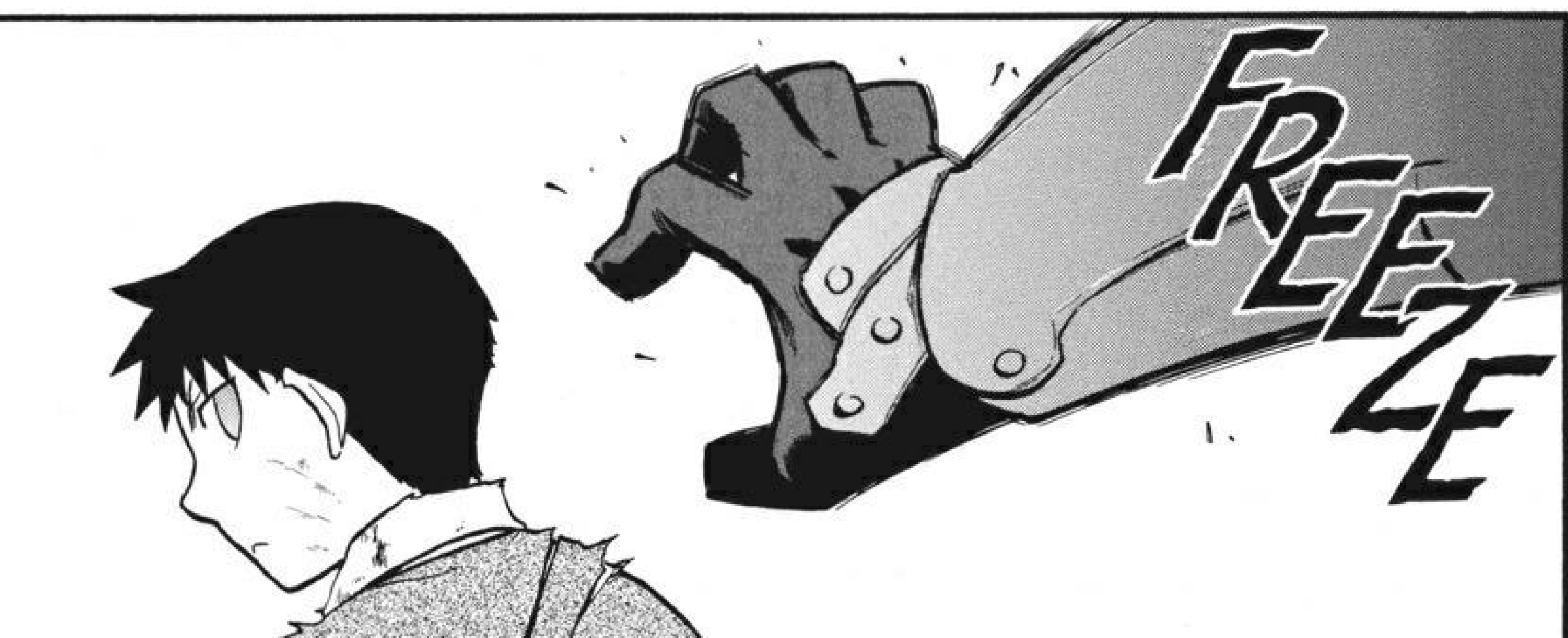
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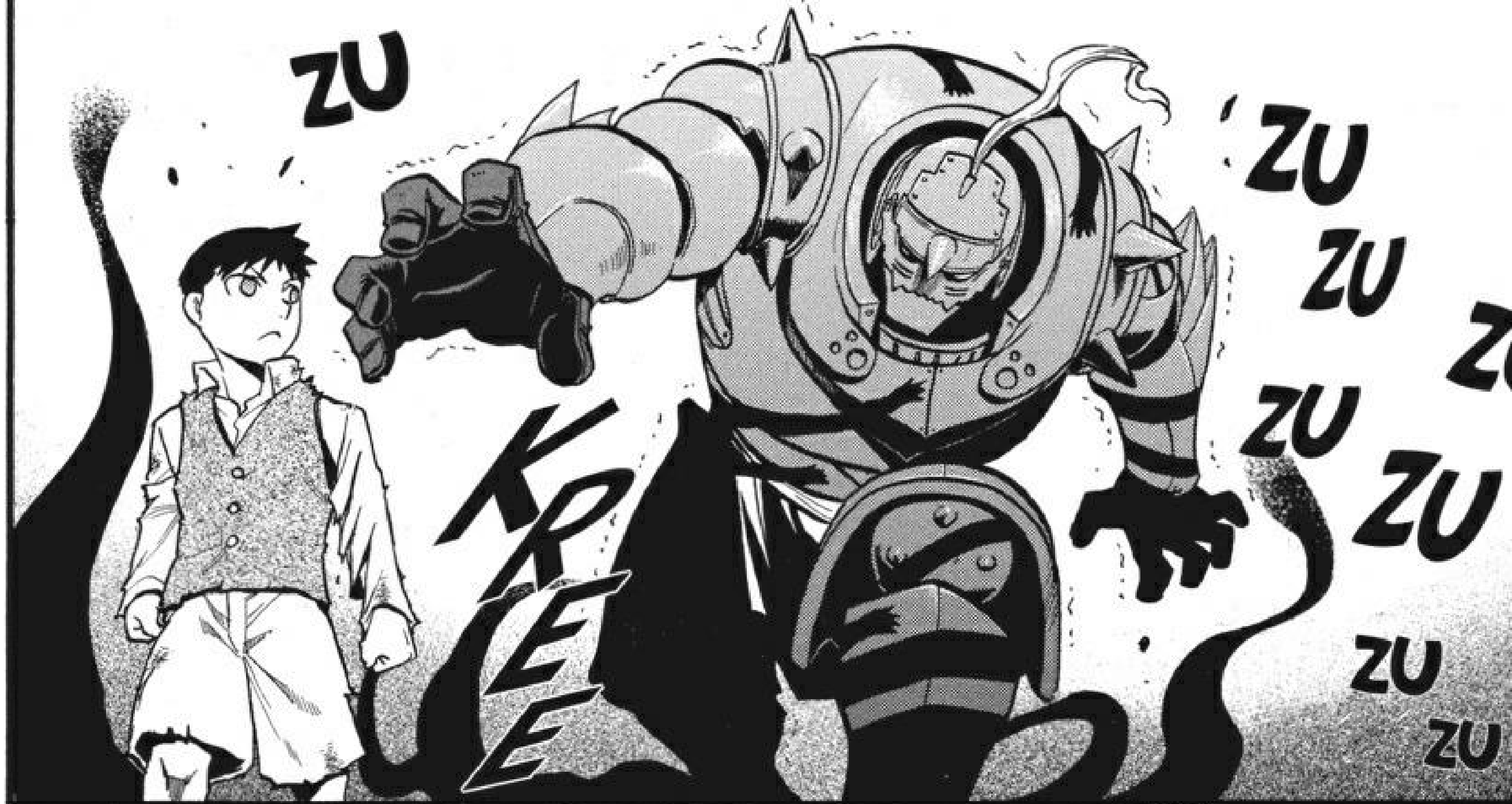


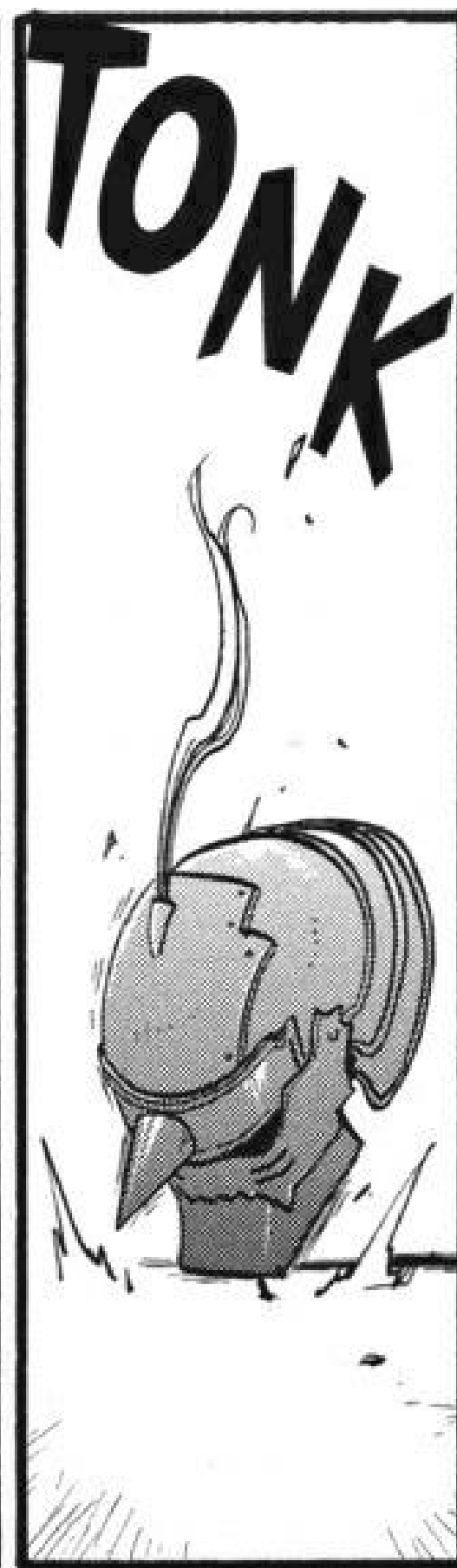
I'M
NOT
THAT
BRAVE.

I HAVE NO
INTENTION
OF
FIGHTING
YOU.







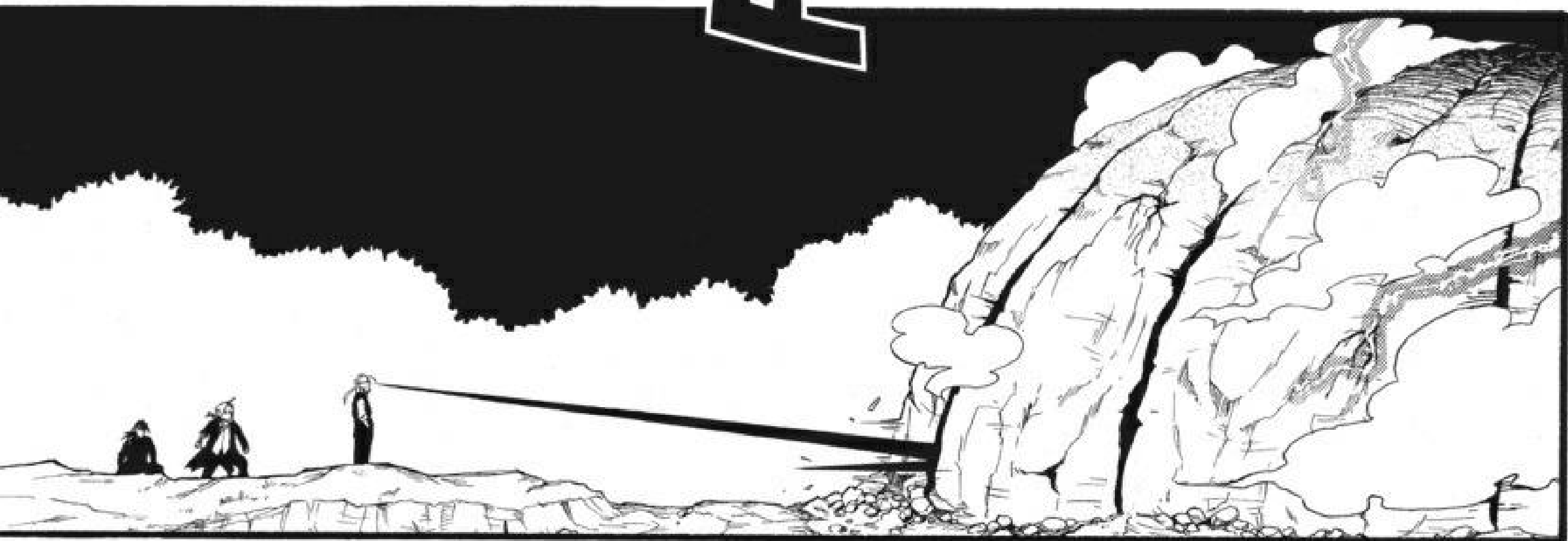


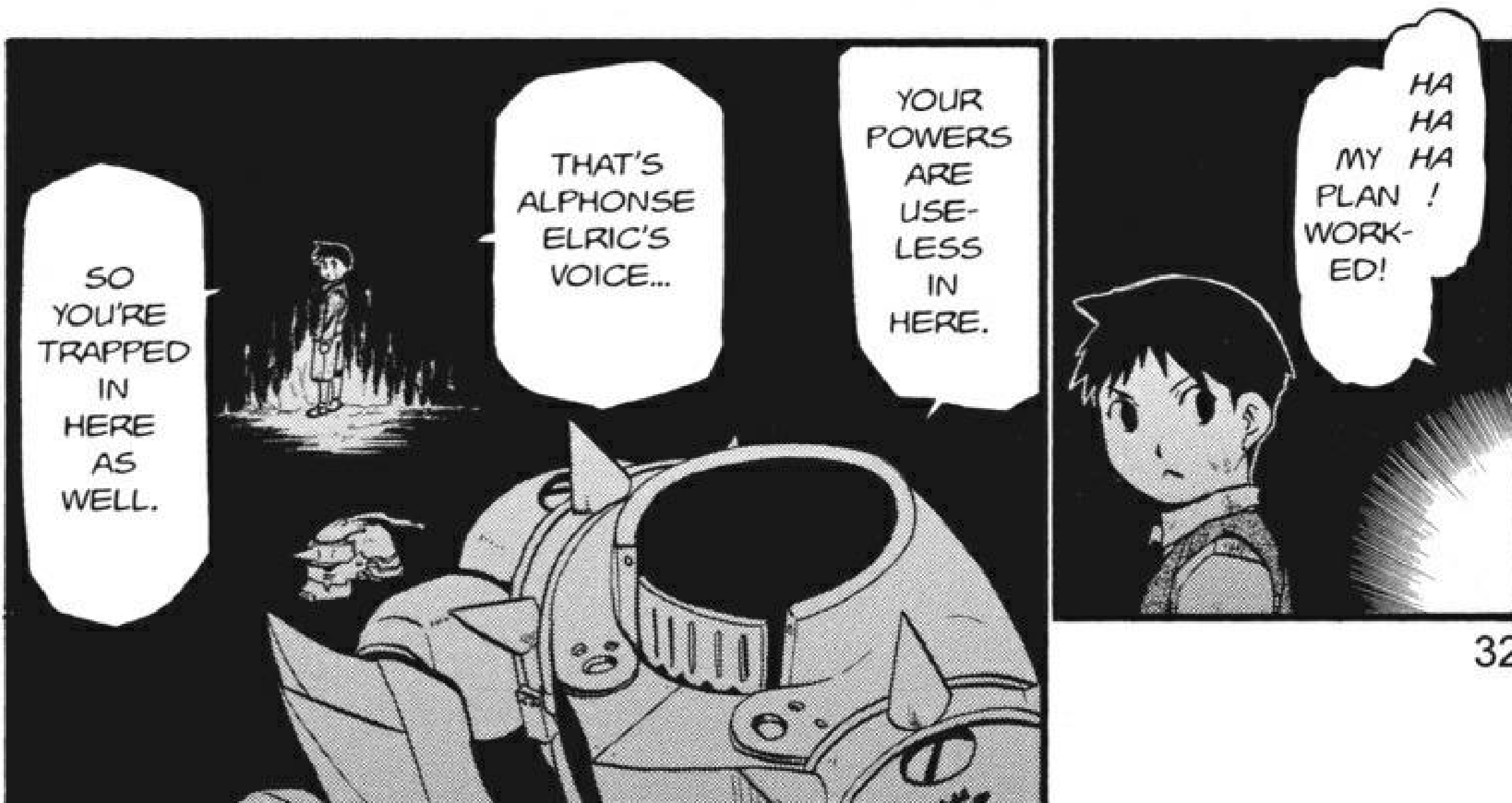
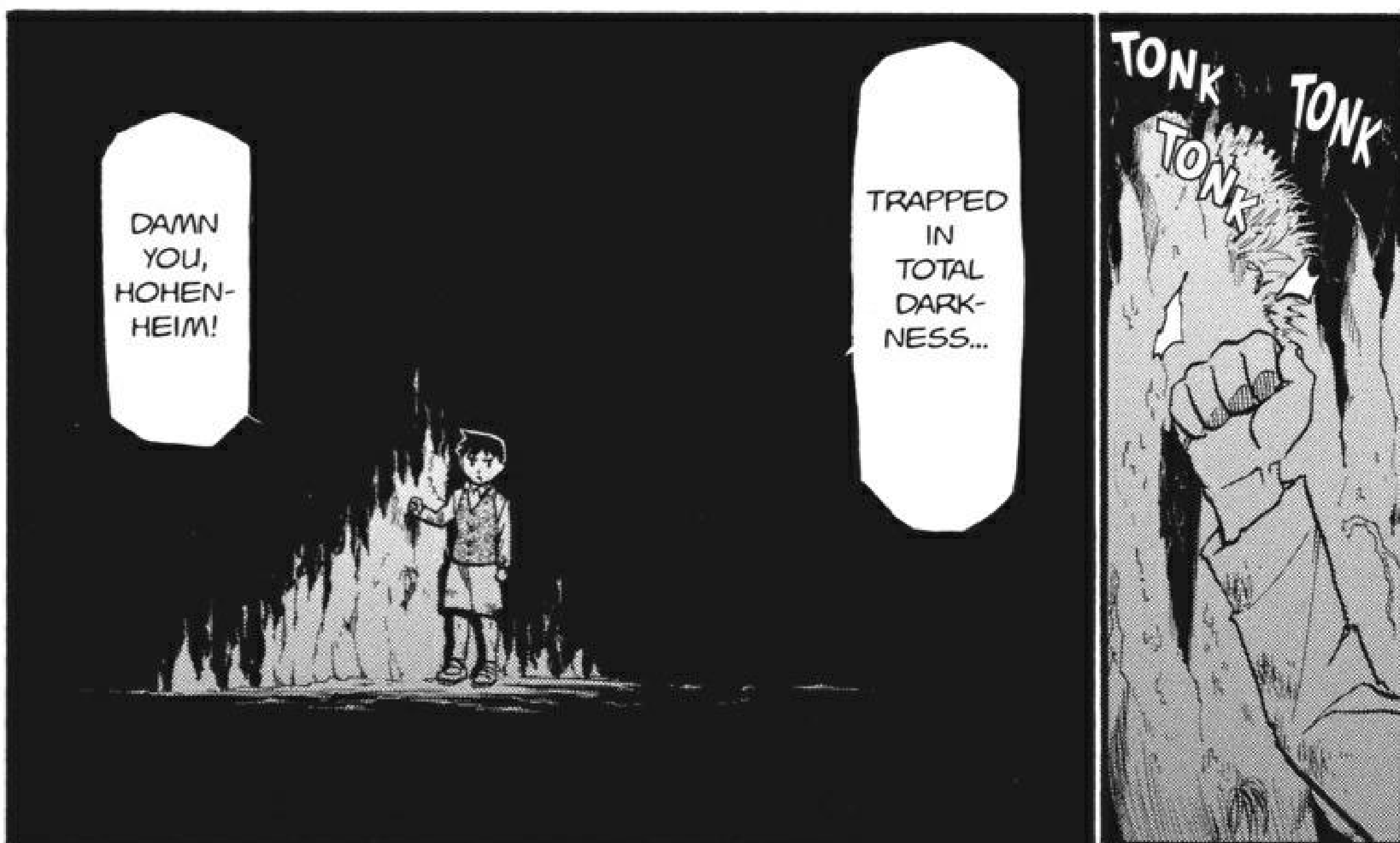
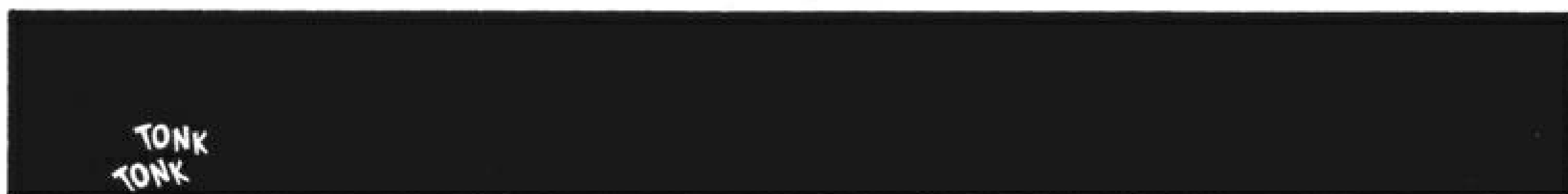


G
OW
OW
!

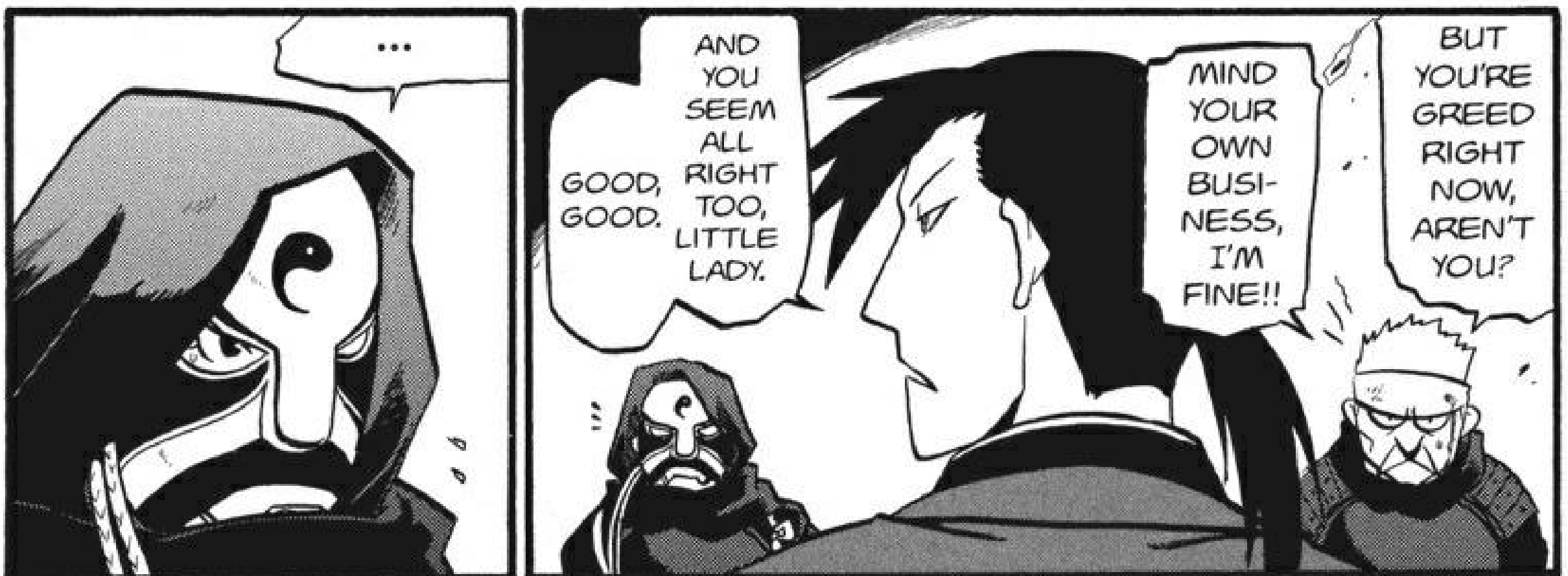
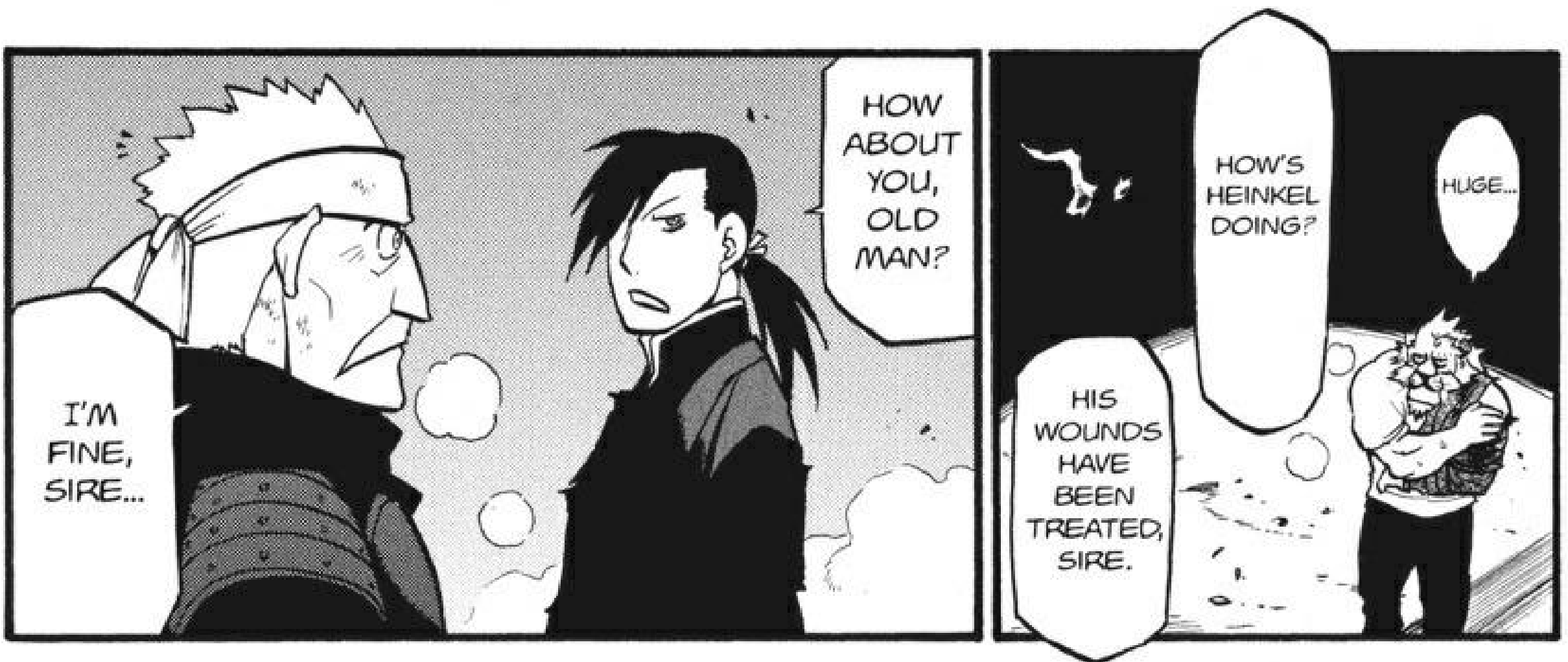
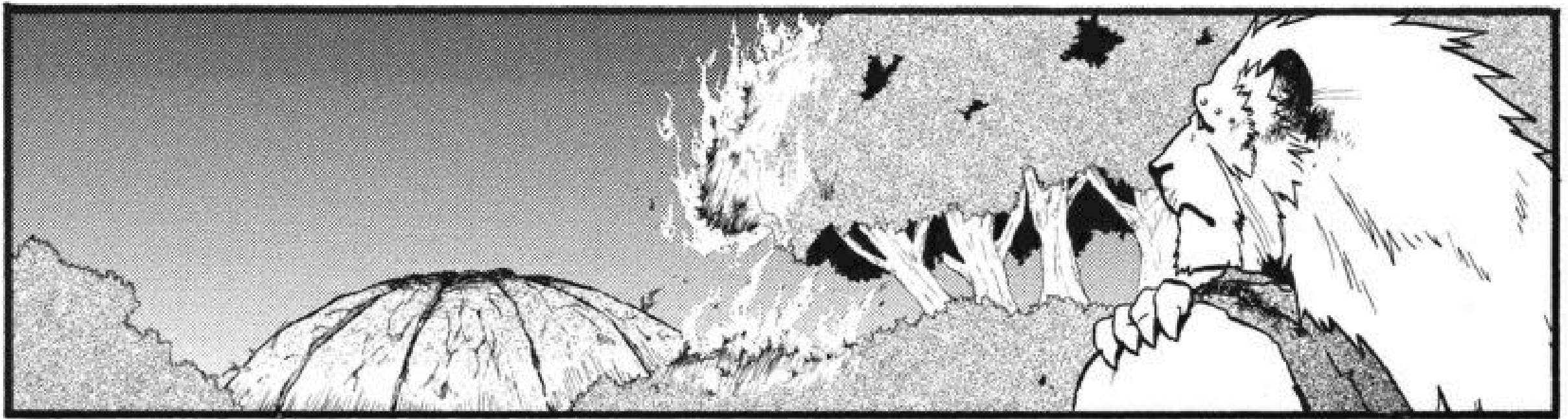
WHA...
?!







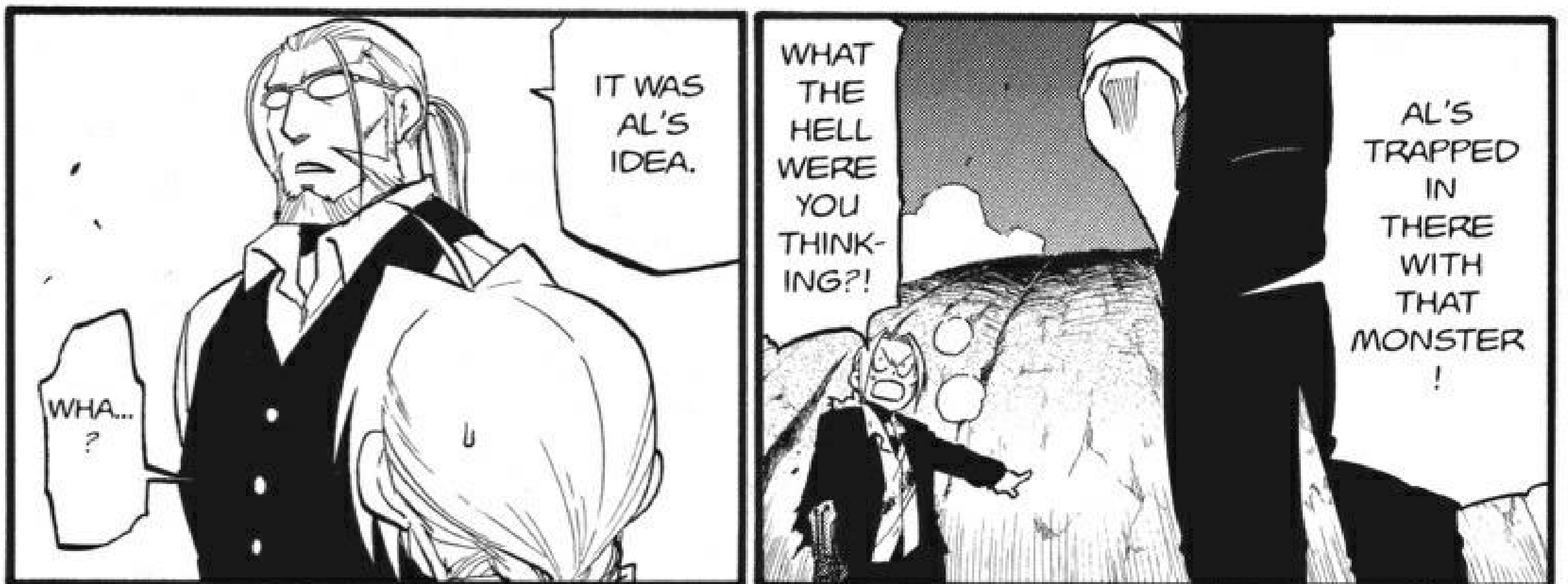






HEY,
HOHEN-
HEIM
!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!



WHA...
?

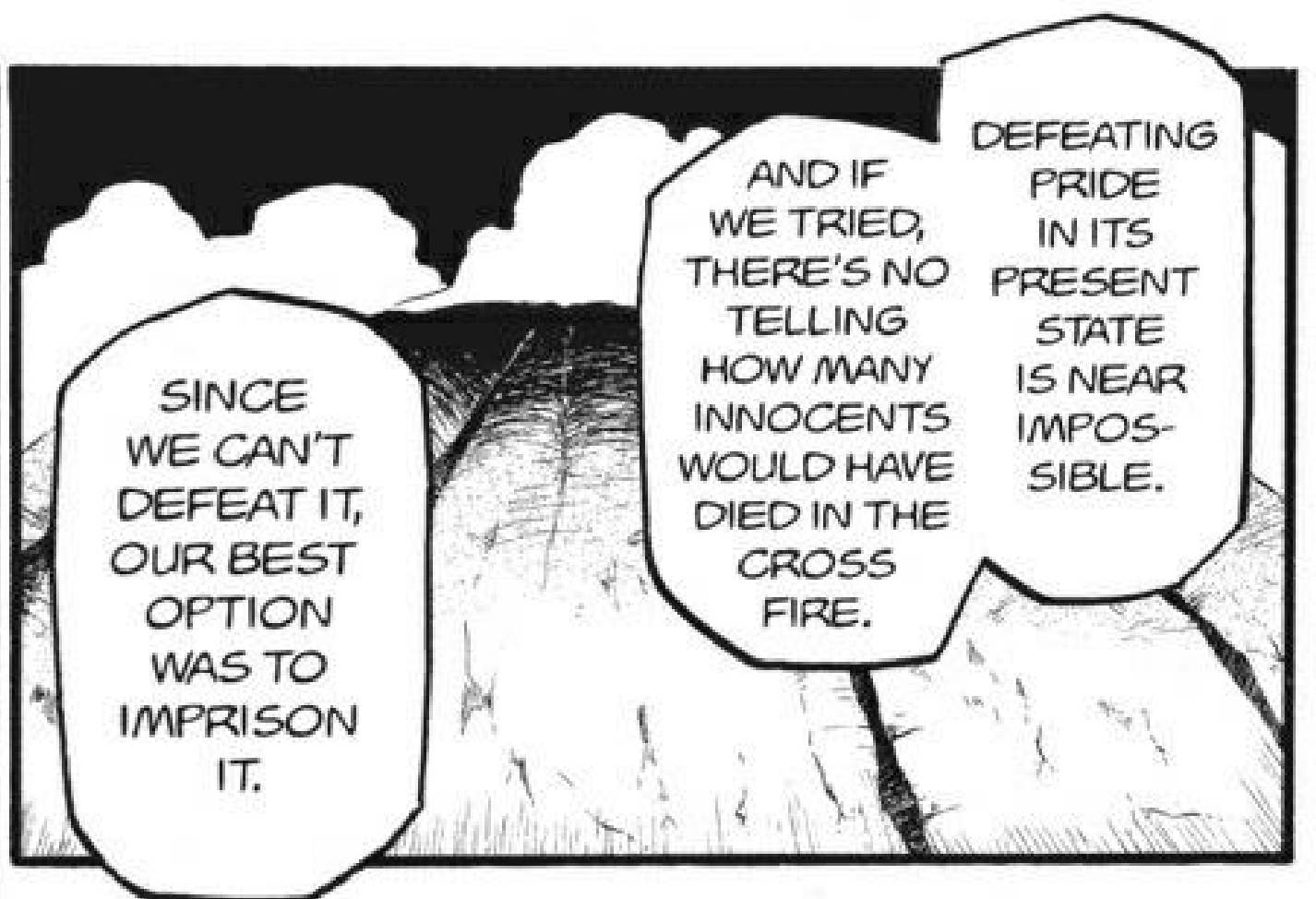
IT WAS
AL'S
IDEA.

WHAT
THE
HELL
WERE
YOU
THINK-
ING?!

AL'S
TRAPPED
IN
THERE
WITH
THAT
MONSTER
!



BECAUSE
AL SAID, "IF
YOU TELL BIG
BROTHER,
HE'LL BE
AGAINST
THE PLAN
FOR SURE."



SINCE
WE CAN'T
DEFEAT IT,
OUR BEST
OPTION
WAS TO
IMPRISON
IT.

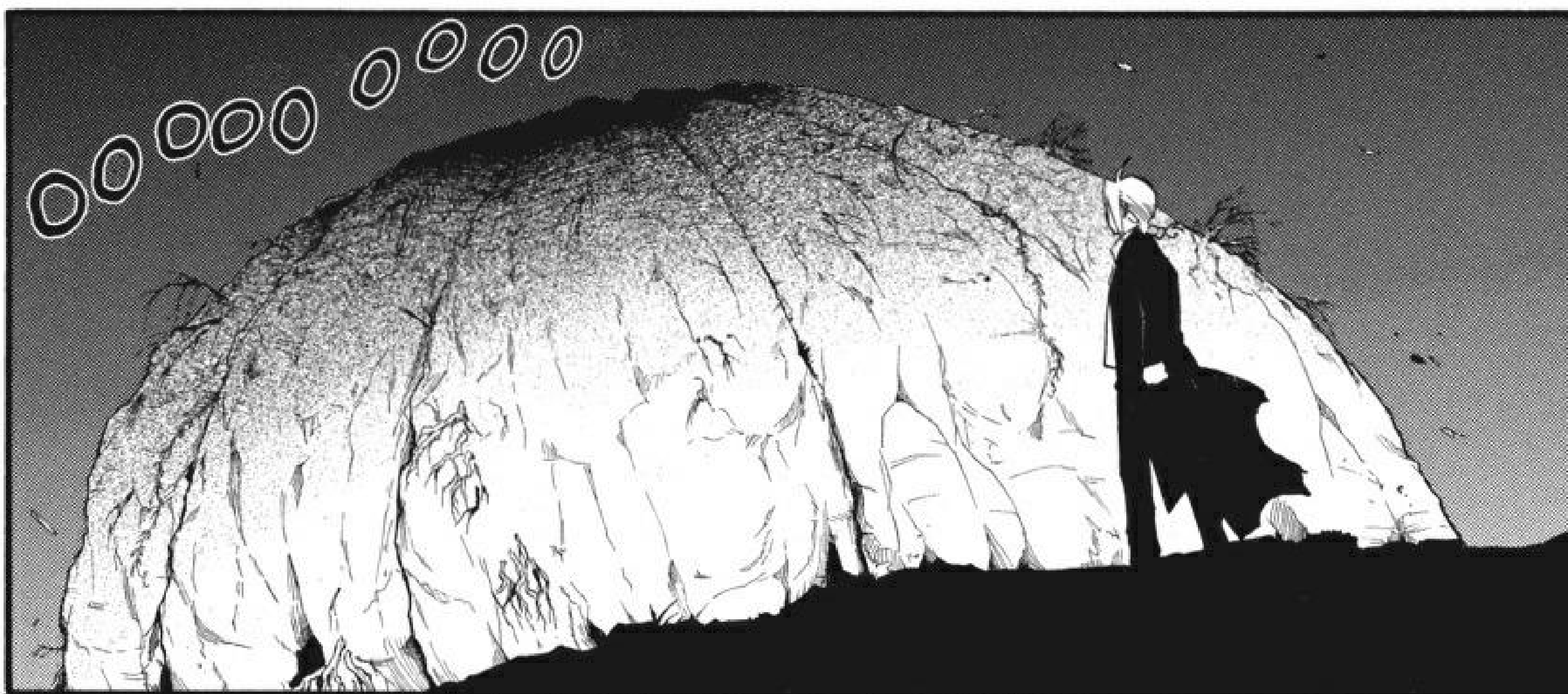
AND IF
WE TRIED,
THERE'S NO
TELLING
HOW MANY
INNOCENTS
WOULD HAVE
DIED IN THE
CROSS
FIRE.

DEFEATING
PRIDE
IN ITS
PRESENT
STATE
IS NEAR
IMPOS-
SIBLE.



BUT WHY
DIDN'T
YOU AT
LEAST
CONSULT
WITH ME
BEFORE
YOU—

NOW WE'VE
BOUGHT
OURSELVES
SOME TIME
TO COME UP
WITH A MORE
PERMANENT
WAY OF
DEALING
WITH PRIDE.

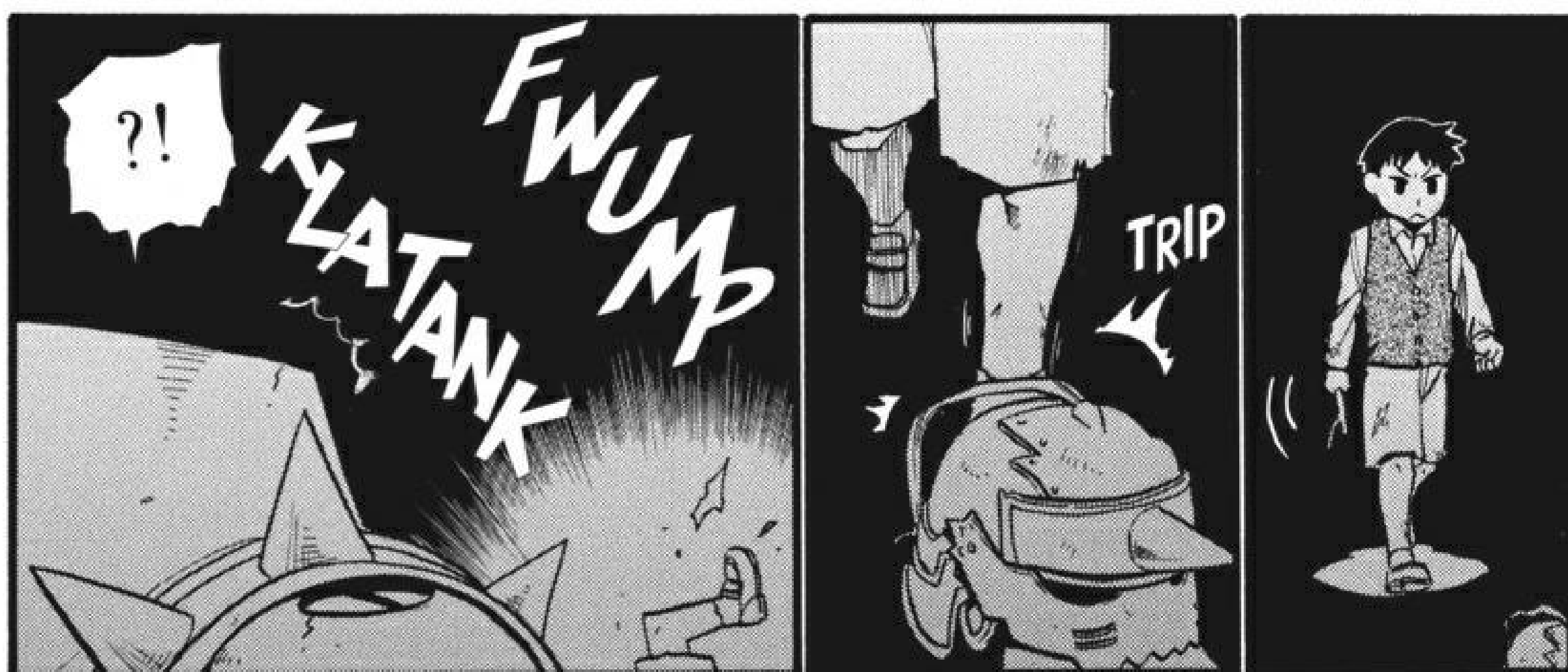
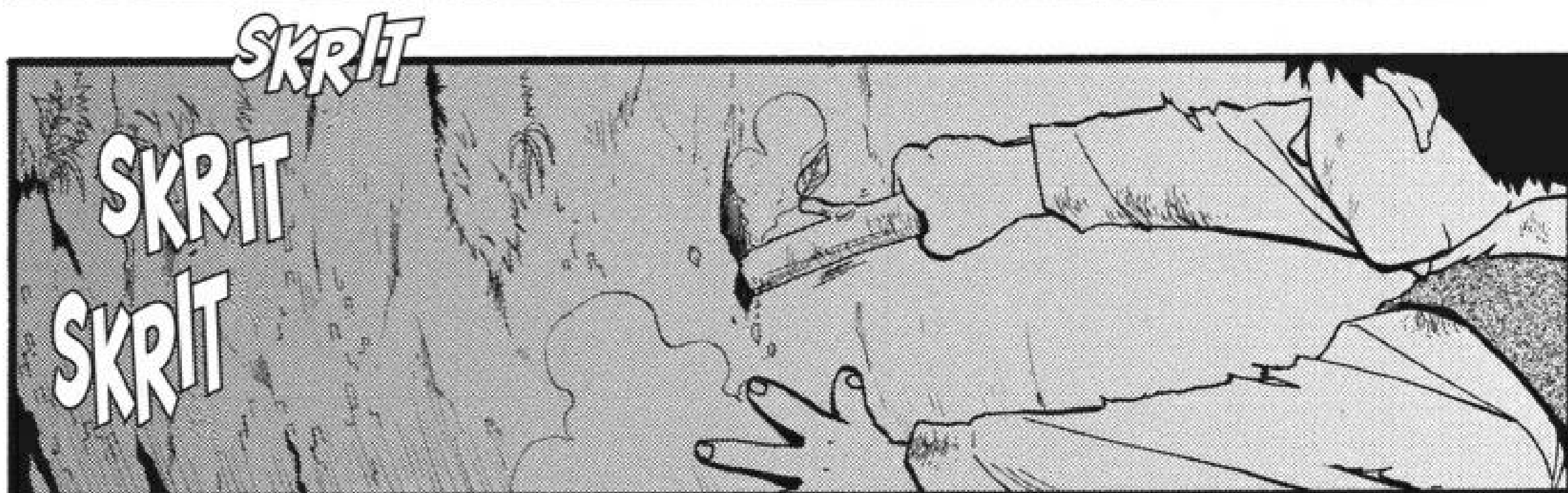






SKRIT

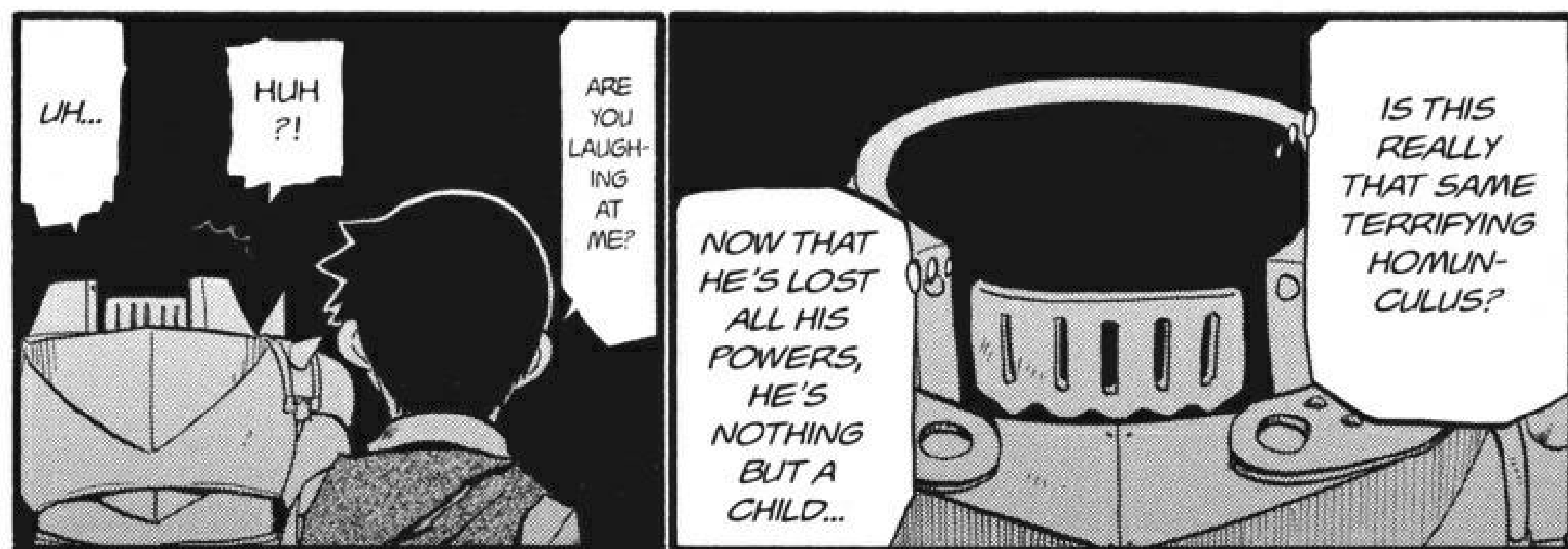
SKRIT
SKRIT





I
TRIPPED
ON IT
AND
FELL.

STUPID
HEAD!



UH...

HUH
?!

ARE
YOU
LAUGH-
ING
AT
ME?

NOW THAT
HE'S LOST
ALL HIS
POWERS,
HE'S
NOTHING
BUT A
CHILD...

IS THIS
REALLY
THAT SAME
TERRIFYING
HOMUN-
CULUS?

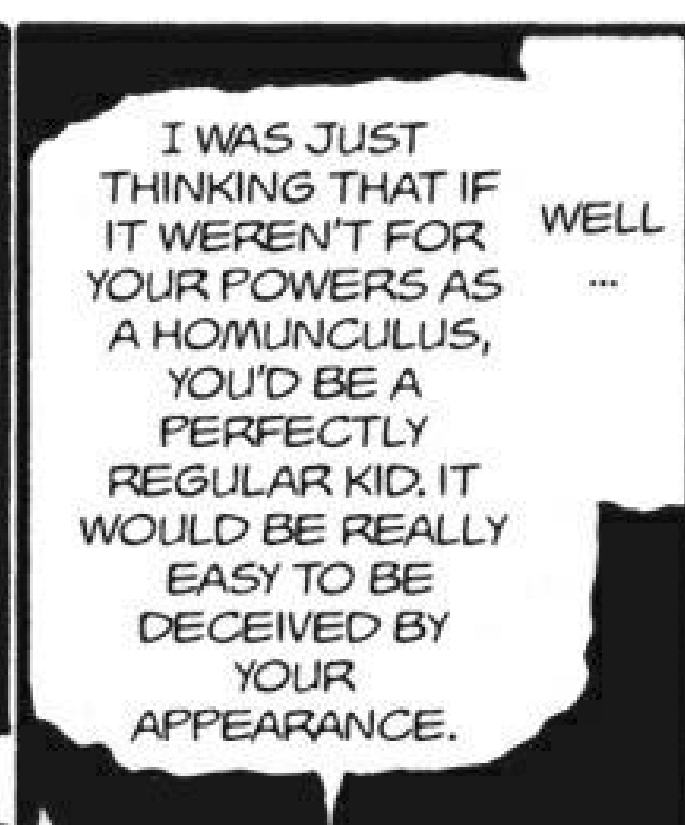


SHE'S
JUST A
HUMAN
LIVING IN
BLISSFUL
IGNO-
RANCE.

NOT
AT
ALL.

WAIT!!
IS SHE
IN ON
IT TOO
?!

AFTER
ALL,
YOU
EVEN
FOOLED
MRS.
BRAD-
LEY...



I WAS JUST
THINKING THAT IF
IT WEREN'T FOR
YOUR POWERS AS
A HOMUNCULUS,
YOU'D BE A
PERFECTLY
REGULAR KID. IT
WOULD BE REALLY
EASY TO BE
DECEIVED BY
YOUR
APPEARANCE.

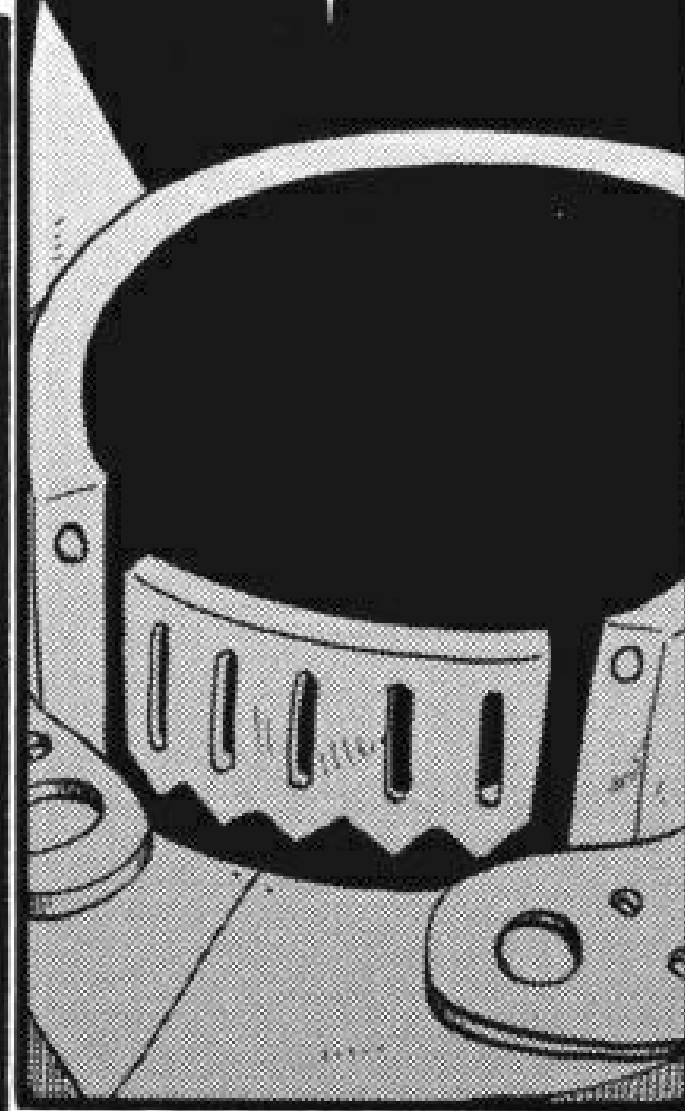
WELL
...



I BET
YOU
WERE
MOCKING
HER
BEHIND
HER
BACK!

HOW
COULD
YOU?!
SHE'S
SUCH A
NICE
PERSON
!!

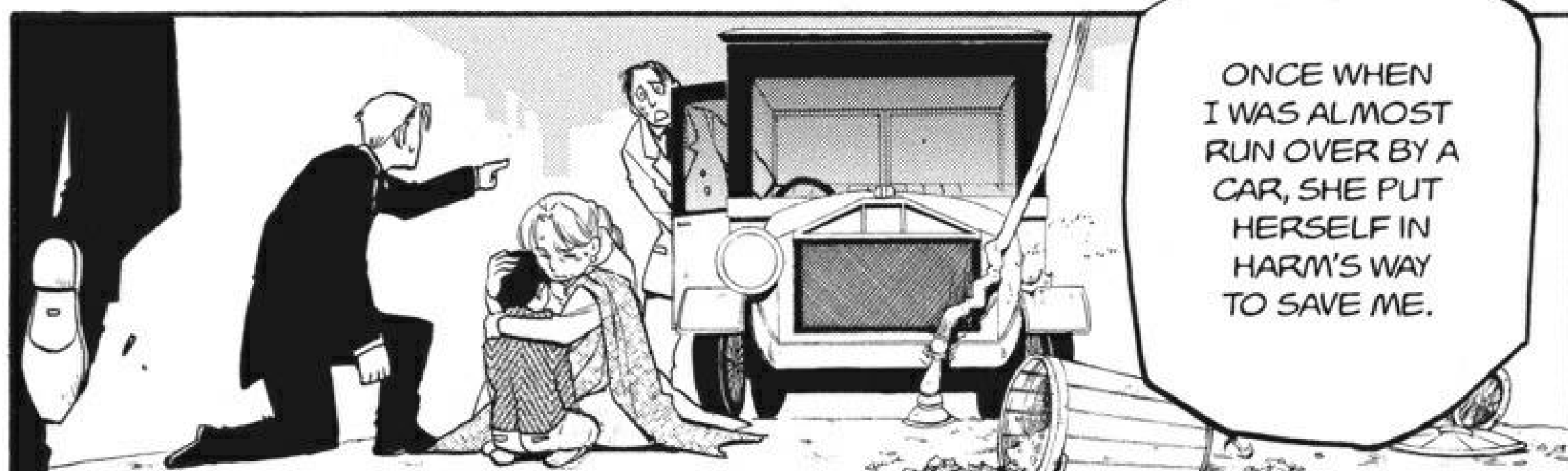
THEN
YOU
WERE
DECEIVING
HER!





I GUESS
SHE'S REALLY
THE EPITOME
OF A "GOOD
MOTHER."

THAT'S
TRUE.

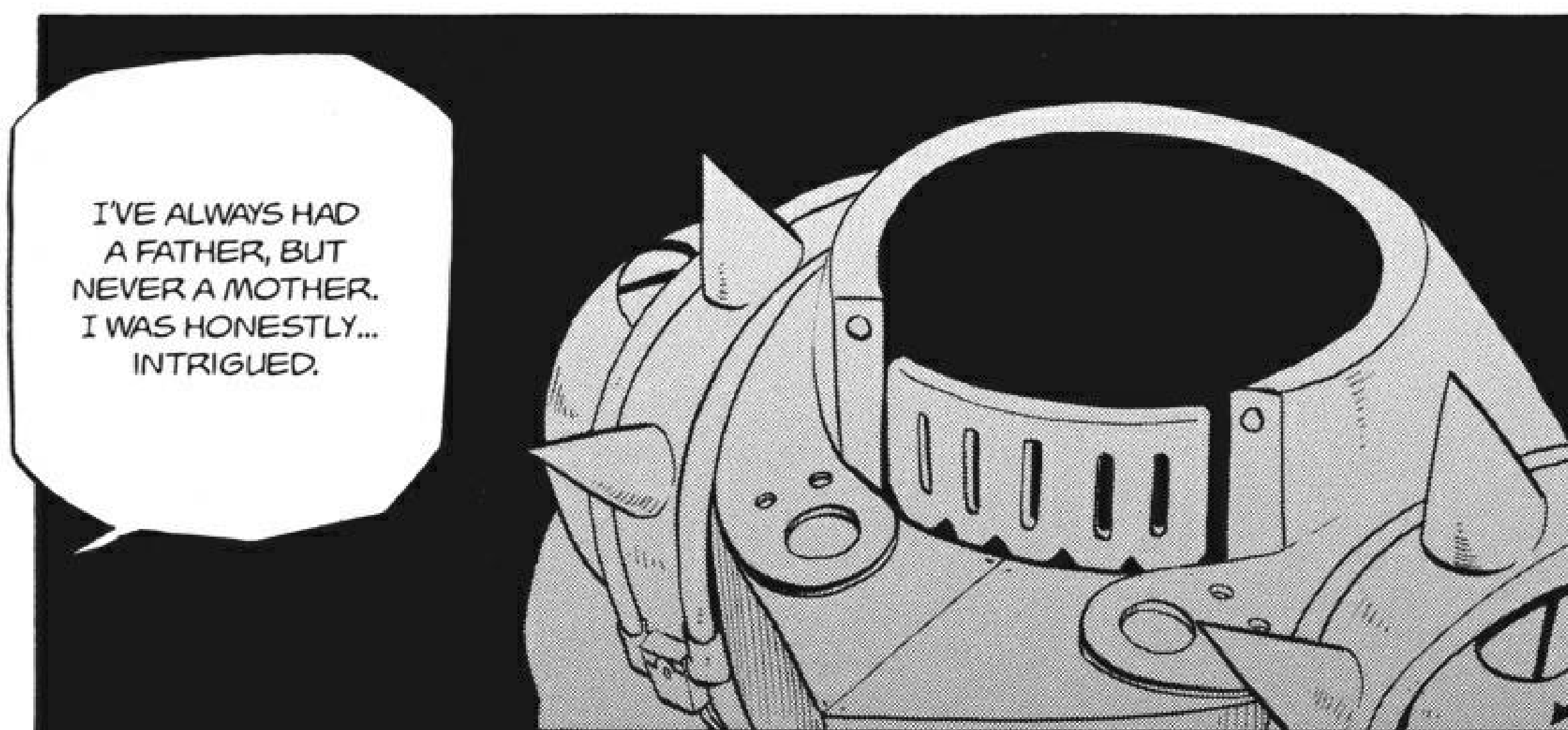


ONCE WHEN
I WAS ALMOST
RUN OVER BY A
CAR, SHE PUT
HERSELF IN
HARM'S WAY
TO SAVE ME.



I WAS
TRULY
SHOCKED
BY HER
SELFLESS-
NESS.

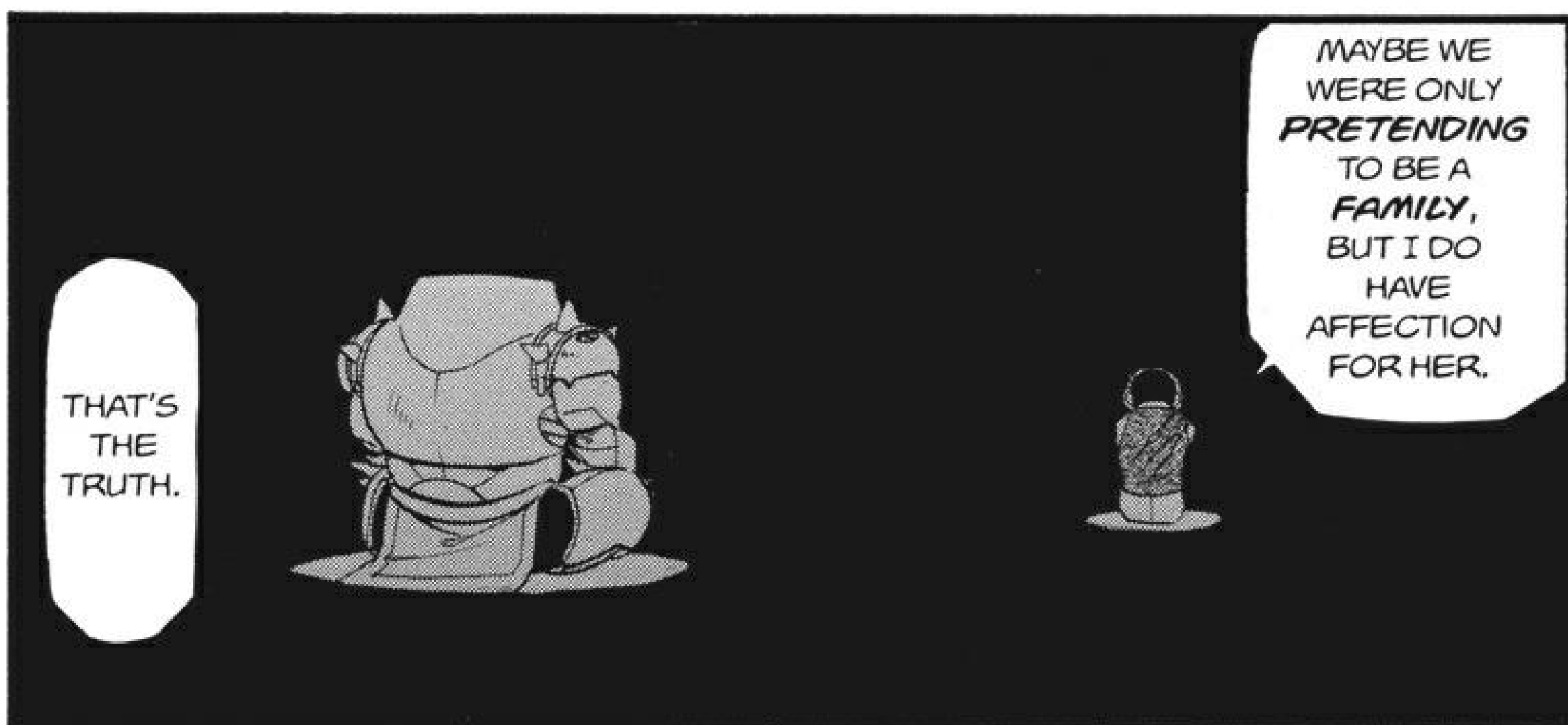
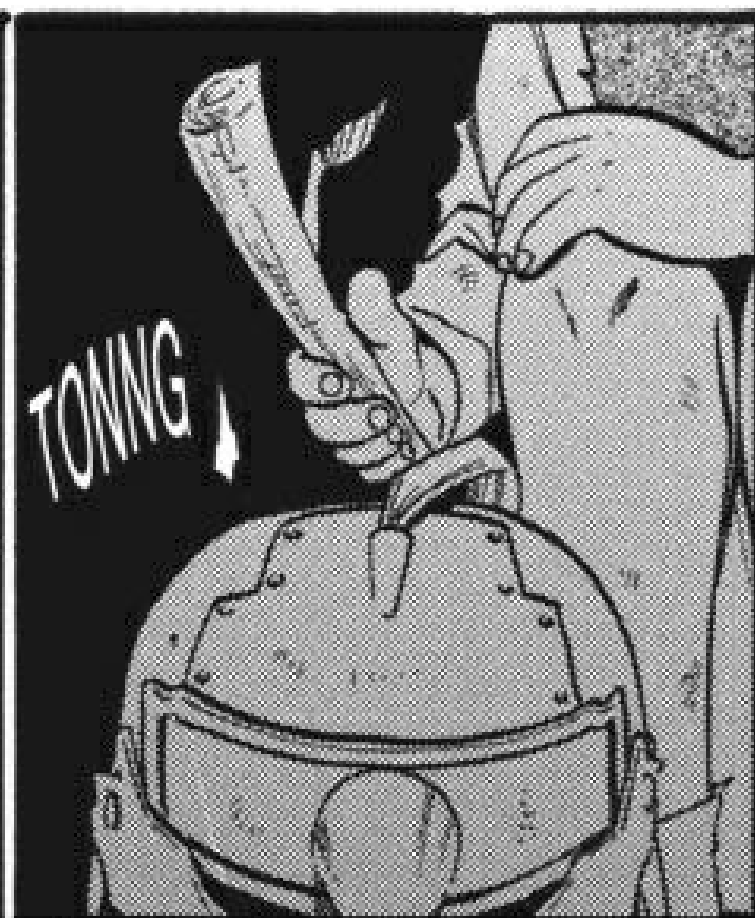
OF COURSE,
I COULD'VE
EASILY SAVED
MYSELF IF I
HAD WANTED
TO...



I'VE ALWAYS HAD
A FATHER, BUT
NEVER A MOTHER.
I WAS HONESTLY...
INTRIGUED.



I
THOUGHT
TO
MYSELF...
"SO THIS
IS WHAT A
MOTHER
IS LIKE."



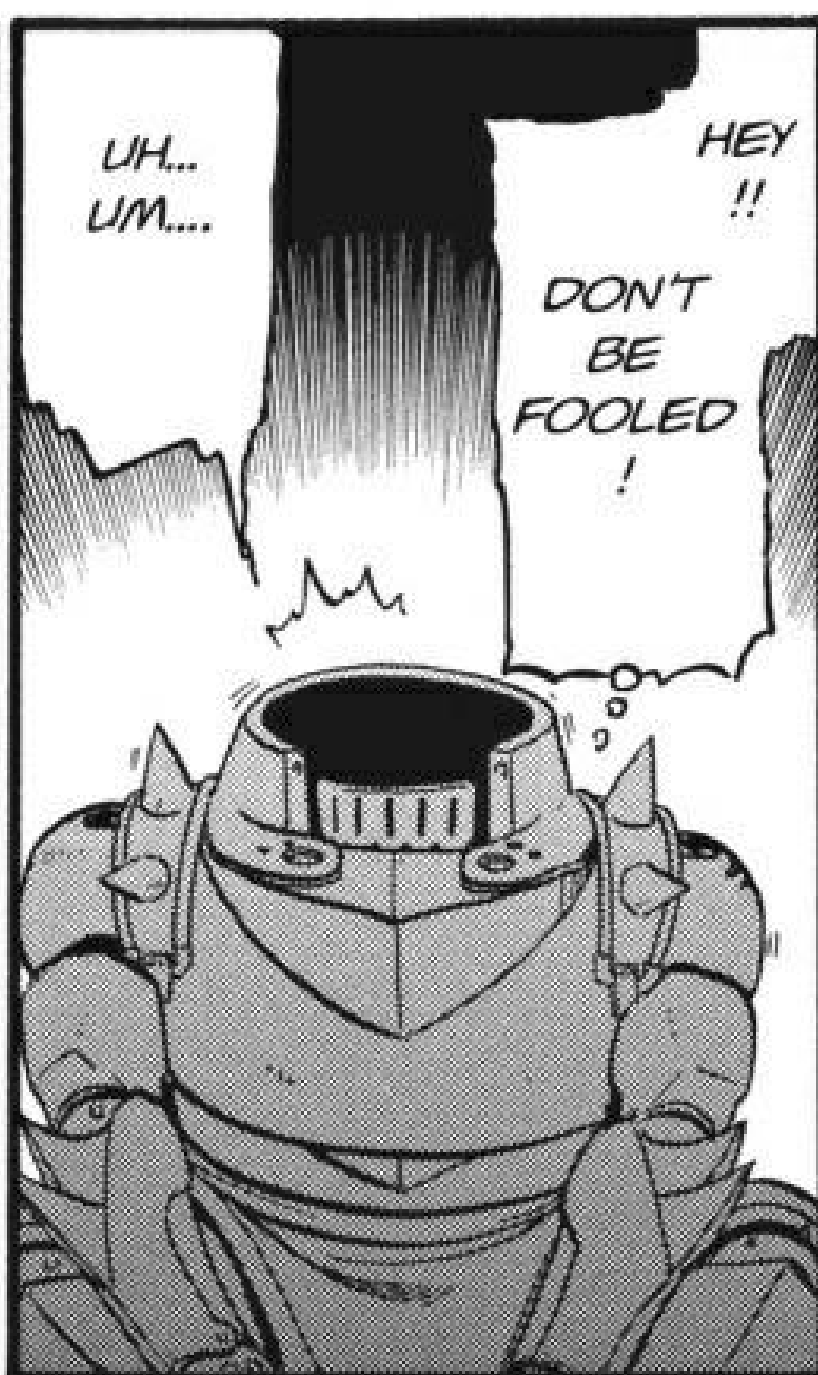
THAT'S
THE
TRUTH.

MAYBE WE
WERE ONLY
PRETENDING
TO BE A
FAMILY,
BUT I DO
HAVE
AFFECTION
FOR HER.



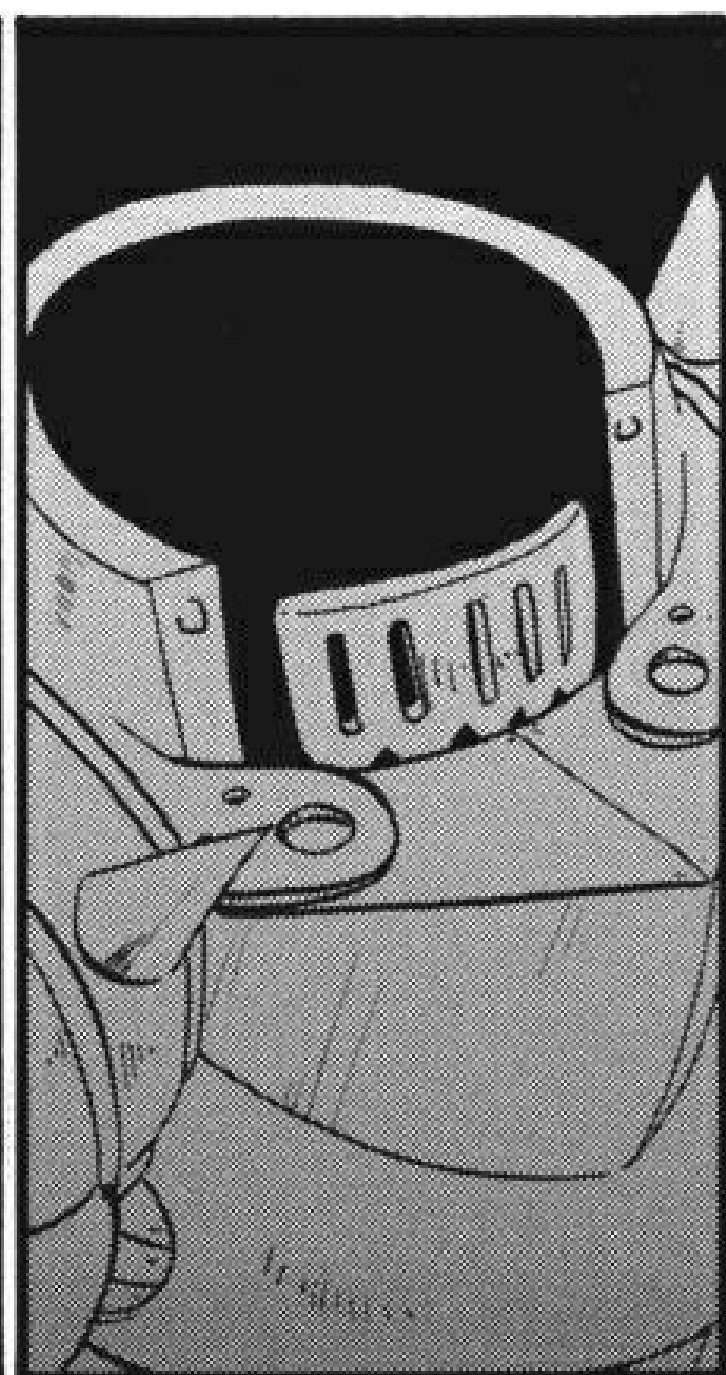
UH...

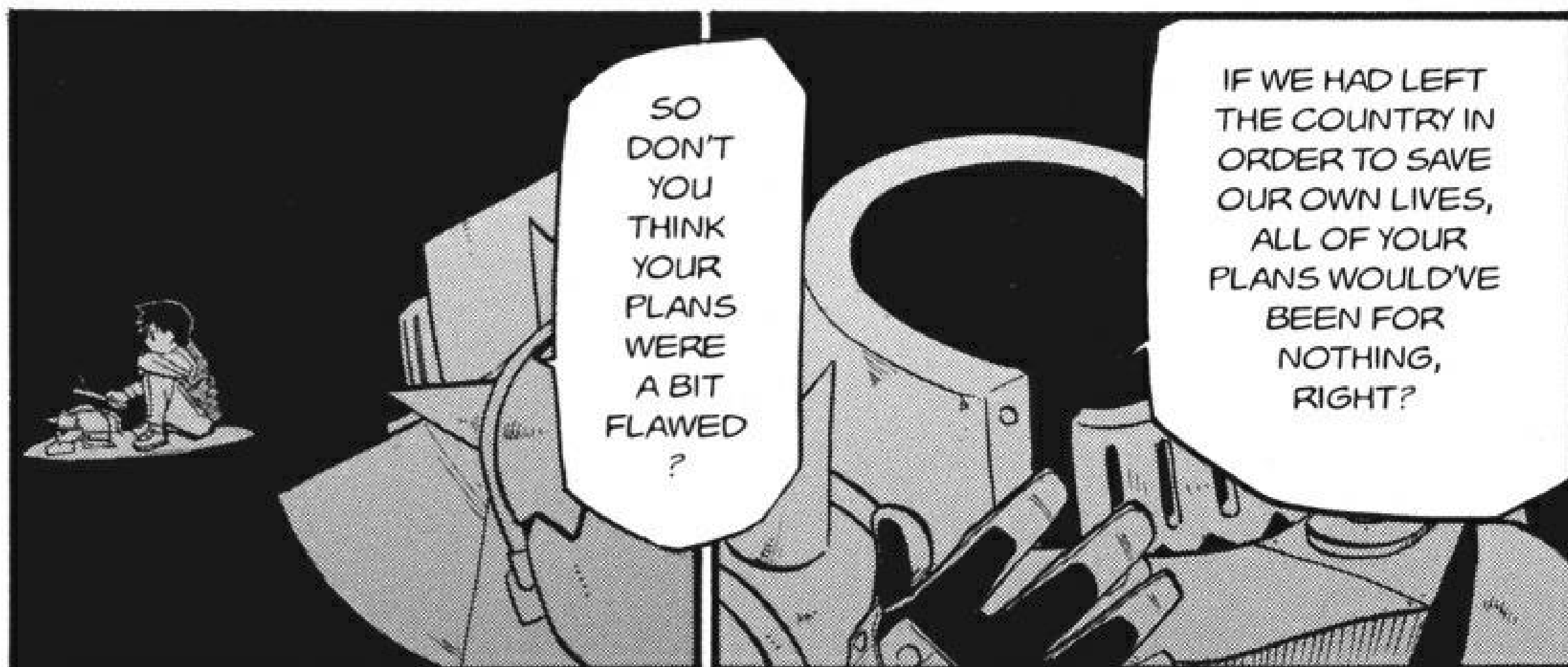
I...I KNOW
YOU GUYS
NEED US
AS HUMAN
SACRIFICES
!!



UH...
UM...

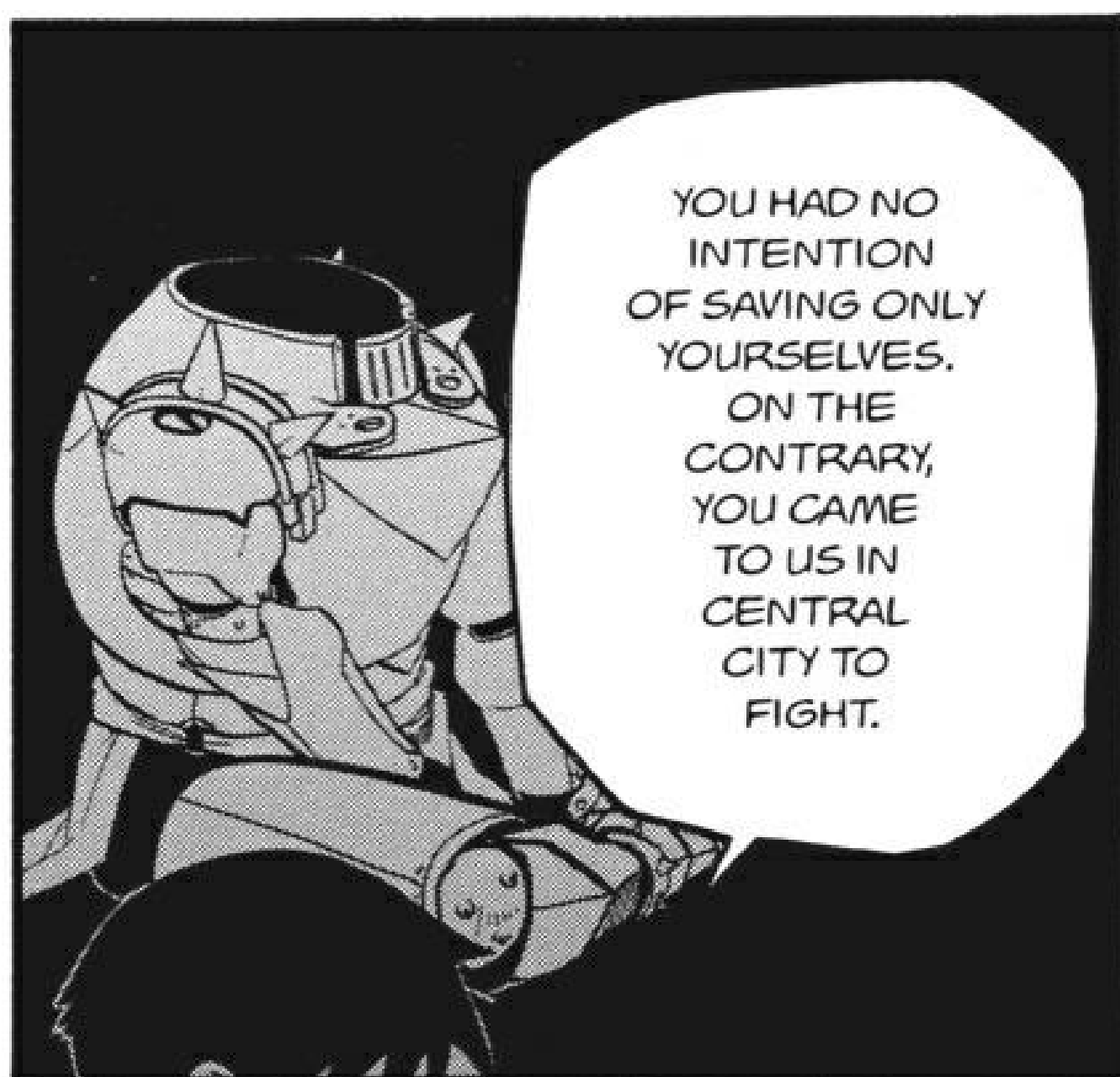
HEY
!!
DON'T
BE
FOOLED
!





SO
DON'T
YOU
THINK
YOUR
PLANS
WERE
A BIT
FLAWED
?

IF WE HAD LEFT
THE COUNTRY IN
ORDER TO SAVE
OUR OWN LIVES,
ALL OF YOUR
PLANS WOULD'VE
BEEN FOR
NOTHING,
RIGHT?



YOU HAD NO
INTENTION
OF SAVING ONLY
YOURSELVES.
ON THE
CONTRARY,
YOU CAME
TO US IN
CENTRAL
CITY TO
FIGHT.



BUT ALL
OF YOU
DID
REMAIN
IN THIS
COUNTRY.



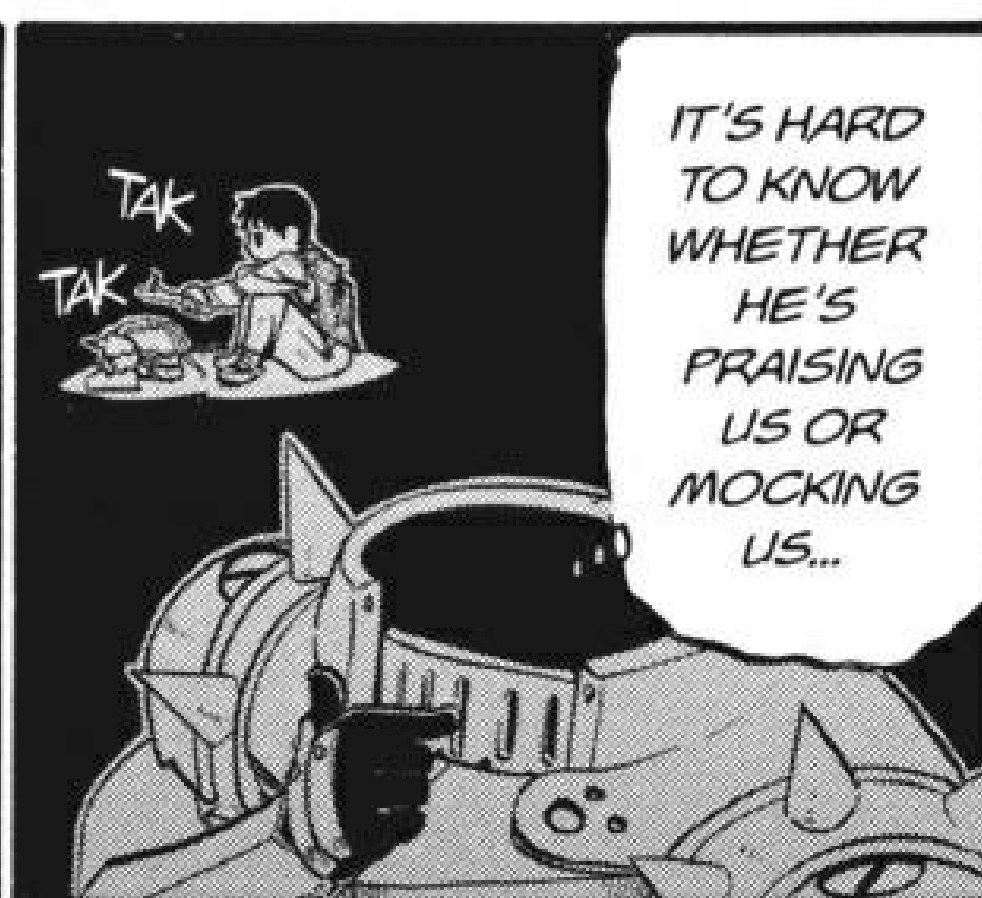
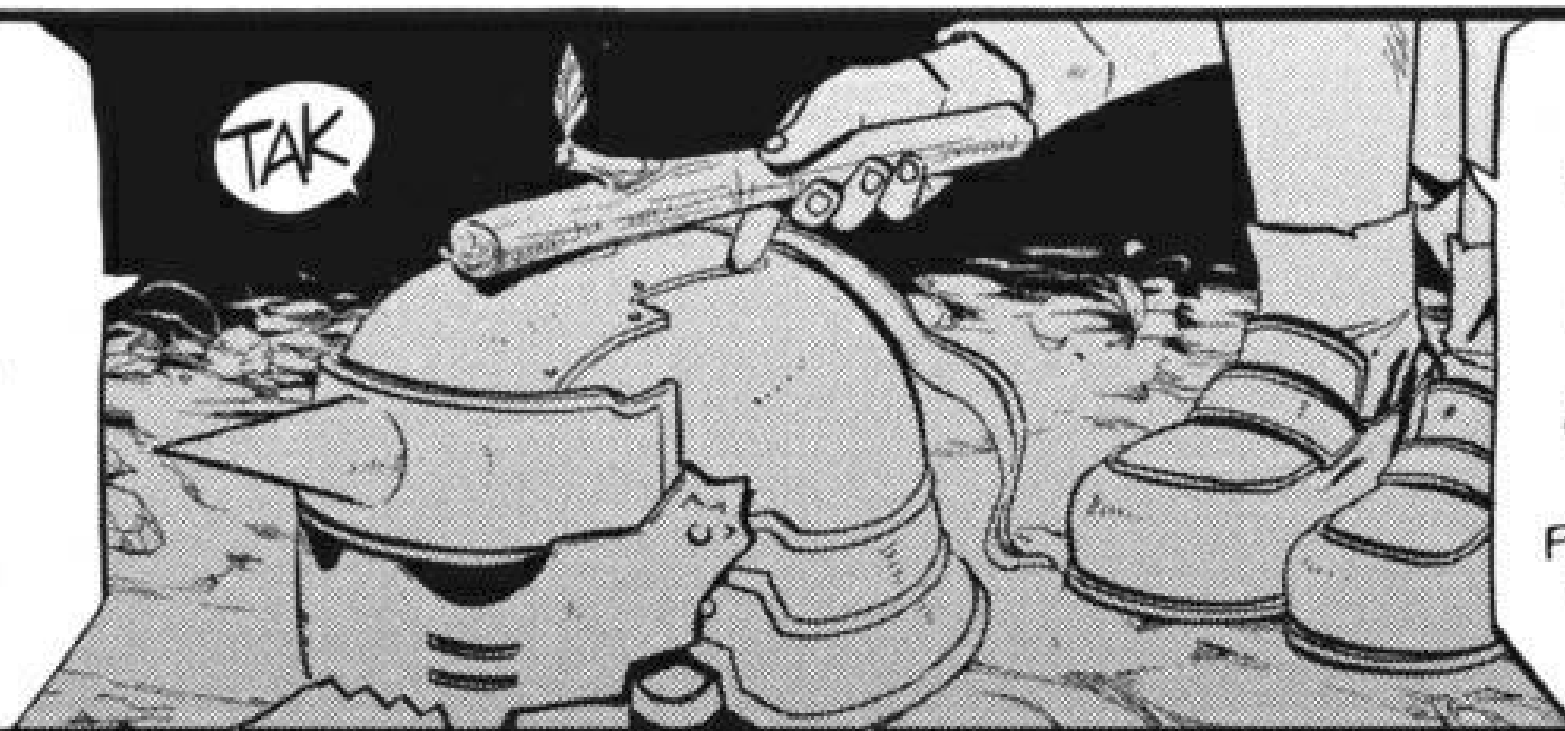
THAT'S
HOW
YOU
HUMAN
BEINGS
ARE.



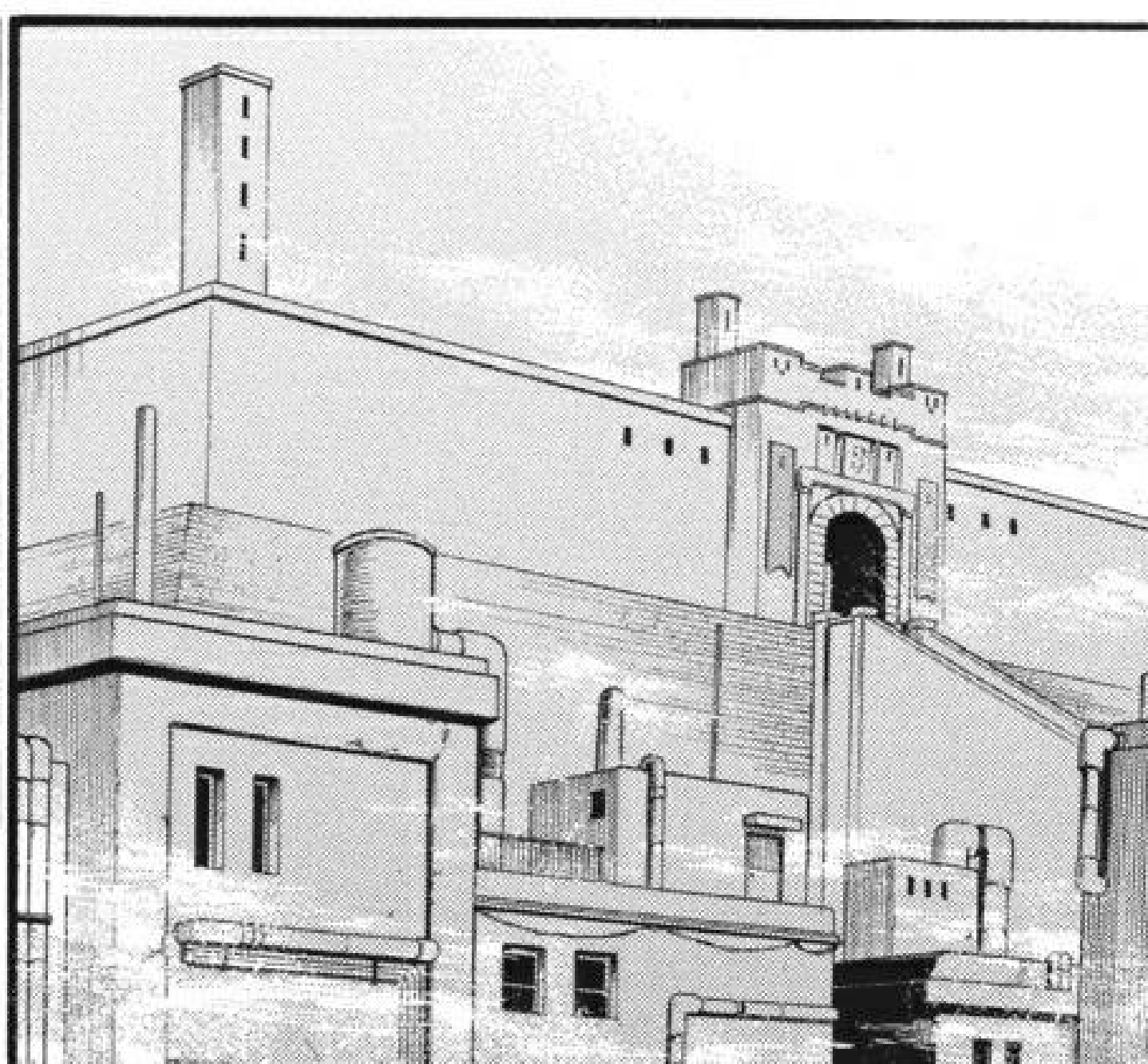
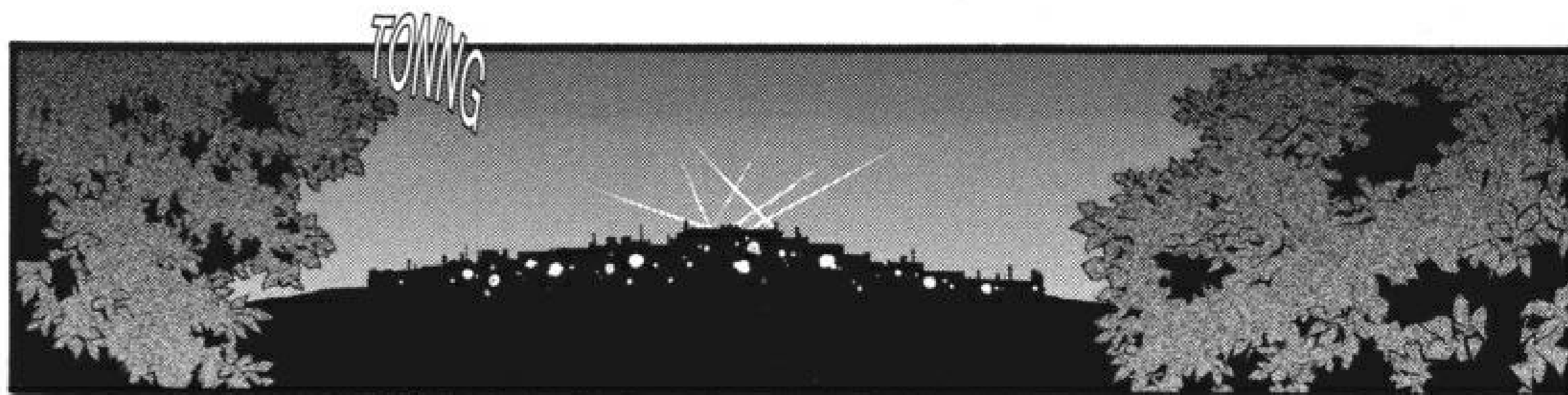
WE SIMPLY
SELECTED
THOSE OF
YOU WHO
POSSESSED
THAT
QUALITY IN
ABUNDANCE.

TAK

IF THERE
IS ONE
THING YOUR
KIND HAVE
SHOWN US
OVER THE
CENTURIES,
IT'S HOW
PREDICTABLE
THE HUMAN
SPIRIT IS.

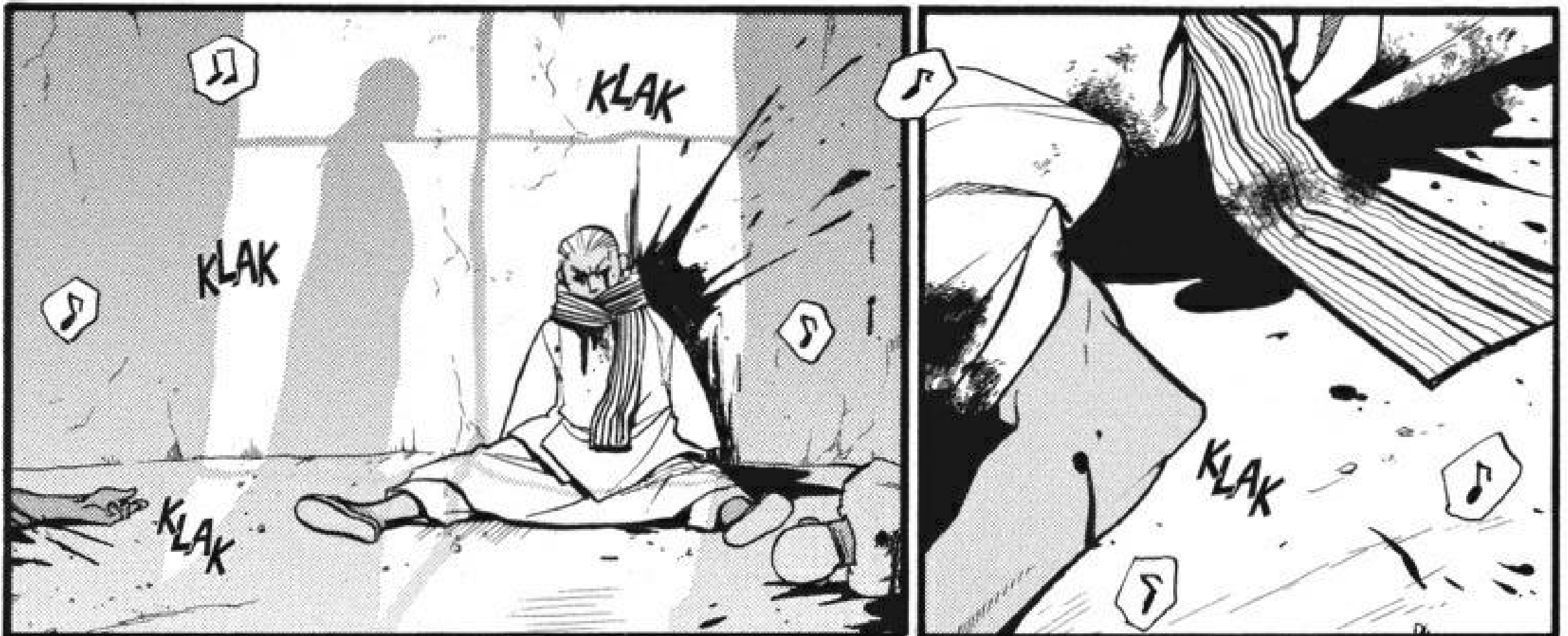
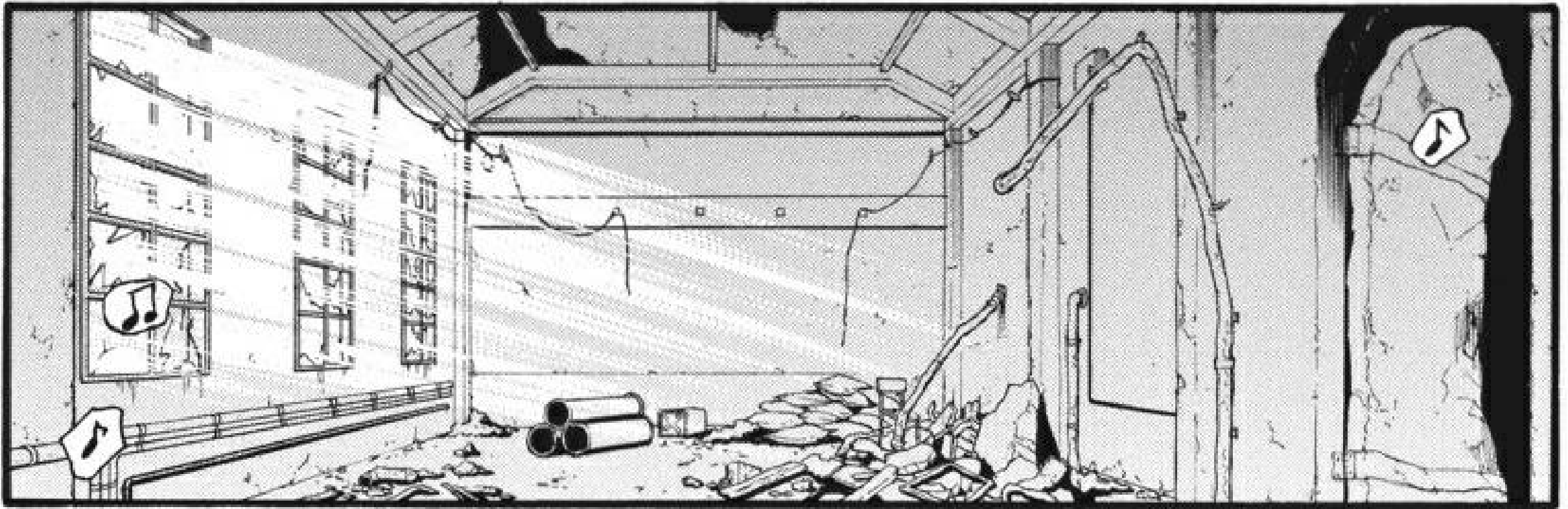


IT'S HARD
TO KNOW
WHETHER
HE'S
PRAISING
US OR
MOCKING
US...











AFTER
ALL, THE
MAIN EVENT
HAS YET
TO BEGIN!



I REALLY
SHOULD
STOP
BEING
SUCH A
WORK-
AHOLIC.

KRIK



FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST

